

The Crumb

The Daily Bulletin of the Bread Loaf School of English in Vermont

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Events

Today:

Spain v. Portugal	2:30 pm
Soccer	7 pm
Hamlet auditions	7 pm
BLSOC Reception	7:30 pm

Thursday:

BLTN Open Mtg.	7 pm
Pond Reading	9 pm

Friday:

Senior Meeting	3 pm
Senior Reception	5 pm
All School Picnic	6 pm

Menu

Lunch (12:45): black bean soup; Italian sausage ravioli in marinara OR vegan ravioli in garden tomato sauce; choppin' brocco-lee-ee; garlic bread

Dinner (6:00): seared chicken breasts in marsala cream sauce OR ratatouille over penne pasta; bacon/leek risotto; salad

Weather

Today: pm rain 63/51

Students Of Color Reception At Frost Farm

Django and Rae Paris will host a gathering for all students of color **tonight at 7:30 pm**. The Frost Farm lies about a mile and a half off 125 East. Interested walkers, carpoolers and bike riders will meet at 7:15 this evening on the Inn Porch to coordinate transportation. The DA's will also run a shuttle from the same location. Students of color who plan to attend the reception *and* wish to audition for *Hamlet*, please join the folks at Frost after your tryout (if you finish before 8:30)—or simply attend the first BLSOC meeting next Tuesday!

Suit The Action To The Word, The Word To The Action

This missive comes from the BL Acting Company: Bread Loaf community members are invited to audition for twelve roles in this summer's production of *Hamlet*. **Auditions will take place Wednesday (tonight) at 7 pm in the Little Theater.** Casting will be gender and race blind. Please bring a monologue of your choice from any Shakespeare play to read (memorization not required). You'll also be reading selections from *Hamlet* (provided).

Horatio—Or Do I Forget Myself?

First-year students: the Directors know your name and want very much to hear more about your Bread Loaf plans. You're encouraged to make an appointment to speak with Emily or Django at your earliest leisure. One of the fantastic ladies in the BL Main Office (back of the Inn near the Blue Parlor) will write your name in the ledger and you're good to go. This informal talk with a Director requires no prior knowledge of Wittenberg, Latin, or phantasmic father figures. But those are *great* lead-ins.

Hey, Mr. DJ, Put A Record On

Although this weekend's dance event requires only your plaid flannels, your overalls, and your Dixie drawls (it's a line dance sensation, ya'll), future Saturday events will feature crowd-sourced musical offerings. Read: *you* can make up a playlist for the evening and set the tone for the night's fun. The DA's hope a number of you will provide the platform for a Dance Dance Revolution. In the interests of variety and eclecticism, let's have tuneage from all walks. Contact Barbara Farrell, Matt Cinotti, or Calista Kelly if you're down.

My Lord, Well Spoken, With Good Accent And Good Discretion

Simon Brown and John Oliver will host the weekly **Blue Parlor readings** this summer. Please contact one of these wordsmiths if you'd like to share your poetry, prose, or other creative work **this Sunday evening at 7 pm**. *Apropos* of Emily's point: audience is welcome, too.

Community

Jeff, Britta, and Abed will be there. **This Friday, we'll all eat dinner on the West Lawn at the All School Picnic.** Every member of the extended Bread Loaf family is invited to gobble and gab at 6 pm. The Great and Powerful Oz (it's contractual; wait until you see Emily's mandated honorifics for July) has arranged for the rain to fall mainly in Spain that evening. There's a movie in the Barn for kids at 7 pm (that's *Shrek*, *Donkey*) and another at 9 pm (Four Weddings and a Funeral). Cap off the first class-less Friday on the Mountain with tasty eats.

Wipe Away All Trivial Fond Records

And this commandment alone shall live within the book and volume of your brain: get down to the Annex basement and pick up those words, words, words that the Dane's always on about. The BL Bookstore holds course texts (always a plus), tons of LoafGear, mags, some toiletries, and important writing from Bread Loaf faculty and friends of the School. Exhibit A: you can own, and read, and love **Claudia Johnson's latest, *Jane Austen's Cults and Cultures*, in anticipation of her talk here next Monday, 7/2.** You'll hear more of this event, but for now go and see the BL scriptoria.

Join BLTN At An Open Meeting

The Bread Loaf Teachers Network wants you to become a new member. **Come to an open meeting this Thursday, 6/28, in Barn 1 from 7-9 pm.** All Bread Loaf faculty, staff, and students are welcome to hear about the good work BLTN does and get involved. Django Paris will talk plans and possibilities for the Network, while Debbie Alcorn and Brent Peters will describe the work they've done this year with students and colleagues and a vision of what's ahead. Check this website for more: www.middlebury.edu/blse/bltn

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The Funeral Baked Meats Did Coldly Furnish Forth The Marriage Tables

Chef Darren promises not to use his leftovers so insensitively. If you're an off-campus student and wish to take your repast with us in the Dining Hall, please buy a meal ticket at the Front Desk. Package deals are also available.

Rooney's Transplants

We're all from away, but have adopted these huge, grassy fields as our home pitch. **Come to play soccer tonight around 7 pm below Tamarack.** All players—irrespective of age, gender, talent, or experience—are welcome. Remember to bring both light and dark shirts for effective organizing. Extra balls, water, and cleats might be a nice lagniappe for a fellow baller, but leave your slide tackles and Vinnie Jones impressions at home.

Excursus On Excursions

Front Desk maven and general High Point of Your Day MacNair Randall will lead various and sundry Green Mountain adventures this summer. A seasoned hiker, swimmin' hole finder, butterfly chaser, and raconteur, MacNair has all the goods on central Vermont's wilderness. This Saturday, enjoy the 84 degrees and sunshine from a comfy water perch; you're going swimming. MacNair and Co. will leave just after lunch from the Barn lot.

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Events

Today:

Germany v. Italy 2:30 pm

BLTN Open Mtg. 7 pm

Pond Reading 9 pm

Friday:

Senior Meeting 3 pm

Senior Reception 5 pm

All School Picnic 6 pm

Shrek 7 pm

Four Weddings... 9 pm

Menu

Lunch (12:45): soup du jour; marinated hangar steak; pad thai noodles; veggie egg roll; roasted corn in shallots & butter; butterscotch brownie

Dinner (6:00): grilled cod on arugula pesto; quinoa stuffed pepper; roasted red potato; grilled asparagus; salad

Weather

Today: sun's tryin' 81/59

Friday: a heater 91/59

Saturday: sun & breeze 82/64

To Sit In The Shade On A Fine Day And Look Upon Verdure

...is the most perfect refreshment. Jane Austen may not have visited the Mountain when she penned these lines, but if you've hunkered down in an Adirondack chair with a good book today, you know just what she means. Bread Loaf will welcome a Jane Austen scholar *nonpareil* this Monday, 7/2, for a talk and some perfect refreshments. **Claudia Johnson, Murray Professor of English Literature and Chair of the English Department at Princeton University, will speak to the community after dinner.** Dr. Johnson's most recent work, *Jane Austen's Cults and Cultures*, trains an eye on the "Jane mania" that drives much of the current popularity of the author's work. A renowned scholar of gender studies, the eighteenth century novel, and Mary Wollstonecraft, Dr. Johnson will surely feed your head before you scuttle back to the library to finish your Tuesday reading. **Anyone interested in sharing dinner with Dr. Johnson Monday evening can sign up on the bulletin board outside the Dining Hall.**

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Readings Alfresco

You've got no class tomorrow (just a date with Dante and that ridiculously soft library armchair). You've heard tell of inky nights when only the voice of a solitary reader echoes over the water. And you've been trying to catch the attention of that cutiey in your Theory class. **Come to the summer's first Pond Reading tonight at 9,**

where you can hear a mystery faculty member read from her/his work. Be sure to bring along your ID, so the DA's can serve you those cool drinks. Snacks and a toasty campfire should keep the no see 'ums no seen or felt. You're on your own trying to talk up Lacan with that looker. John's Pond sits in the back of campus in the dell behind Barn East. Whether it's your first summer or fifth, you don't want to miss this Brandy Brook sponsored event.

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Emergency Prep

Not much funny about this one, gang. Middlebury safety regulations require a Floor Leader from each dorm to act as a responsible party in the unlikely (and wholly unwelcome) event of a fire, flood, or other catastrophe. Please huddle together in the next few days to decide who'll accept that role, make a list of residents with room numbers for the FL, and plan where your dorm will meet outdoors in case of such occurrences. The Floor Leader should then BreadNet Ed or Victoria Brown so the Innkeepers know who to contact if things get hairy.

Important addendum: **the Inn's fire siren will be tested Tuesday at 1 pm**. You need not leave, but ought to recall the mellifluous tones of the siren, in case you need to evacuate in a future emergency.

Meal Prep

Off-campus *compadres*: you've seen the published prices for buying your meals *a la carte* from the Dining Hall (reminder: you need to pay for a ticket each meal). The Front Desk has a whale of a deal for you, Ahab. Save yourself serious coin by purchasing a **Twenty Meal Ticket** that can be reused over the course of the summer. Better to spend that stash on the hottie who likes Hegel from Thursday's class, no?

Boot Scootin' Boogie

Alright, you struck out when you tried that witticism about Wittgenstein (only works for Geiger...) on the object of your Loavian affections. Fret not. Simply bust out your Texas Two Step to wow the crowd. **This Saturday, 7:30-9:30 pm, don your banjo-pickin' chambrays and cut a rug in the Barn at the Line Dance**. Be certain to bring an ID (should you thirst for the finest Otter Creek has to offer) and an appetite for gyration. After 9:30, surprise DJ's will provide sounds to keep your feet fleet. Costumes, dancing, and good friends...pretty good little Saturday, Frank. Bring your green hat.

I Found Myself Within A Forest Dark For the Straight Path Had Been Lost

Don't end up like Signior Alighieri with no plan, a helluva long way to walk, and a Latin-speaking ghost for your road buddy. Instead, **schedule an appointment with the Directors at your earliest convenience** so that you might discuss your long-term academic goals and the best way to achieve them. *First-years*: sign up with either Emily Bartels or Django Paris. *M.Litt* students: ask for a sitdown with Django. Remember, the staff in the BL Main Office will get you in the Directors' book.

Marathon Man

No, friends, it is *decidedly not safe* to make a fire anywhere but in approved common areas. Fireplaces in dorm rooms should never end up *en fuego*, and the only fire pit outdoors where we can play Prometheus is next to John's Pond on the nights of Pond readings. Same subject, different angle: please keep your bikes outside. Fire Code mandates all interior hallways stay clutter-free. Thanks for cooperating, Babe. That whining drill you hear is if

You Haven't Moved Your Car From Route 125. Take Care Of Business ASAP, Please.

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June 29, 2012

Events

Today:

Senior Meeting	3 pm
Senior Reception	5 pm
All School Picnic	6 pm
Shrek	7 pm
Four Weddings...	9 pm

Saturday:

Falls of Lana hike	1:30 pm
Line Dance	7:30 pm
Sunday:	
Read & Rest	All Day
Blue Parlor	7 pm

Menu

Lunch (12:30): cream of broccoli soup; Greek salad, with or without chicken; pita chips; salads galore

Picnic (6:00): grilled burger; black bean burger; hot diggity; they call me tater salad; H2Omelon; sweets

Weather

Today: pm	wind/rain	85/56
Saturday: sun		83/56
Sunday: p.	cloudy	76/57

So Priketh Hem Nature In Hir Corages Than Longen Folk To

Hike up toward the Falls of Lana and Silver Lake. MacNair Randall wants all ye Millers, Clerks, and Nun's Priests to join her tomorrow afternoon for the first of the season's outdoor excursions. BYO saints' bones, water bottle, swimsuit, and sunscreen. The hike is easy/moderate, as it's a forest road with switchbacks that takes you right to the waterfall and the cool waters of Silver Lake. The total distance is roughly four miles. Sign up to ride in the van with MacNair at the Front Desk, or drive yourself and your fellow pilgrims. You leave Southwark, er, the Inn Porch around 1:30.

SeenYer Classmates?

All Seniors should plan to attend today's class meeting at 3 pm in the Blue Parlor, where you'll devise plans for Graduation in August, vote on important leadership positions, and start figuring how to leave the 2012 legacy for future generations. Perhaps most importantly, you'll need to play Marlow in the City of the Whited Sepulchre and have your gourd measured for regalia. Gotta have that mortarboard fit well whether you're in the Little Theater or hangin' with Kurtz at the Inner Station. Once your business concludes, seniors, get spiffed and shined for your Reception on the West Lawn at 5 pm. Mingle with the Directors, your fave profs, and those classmates you haven't seen since that late night in Oxford two summers ago (yeah, I was there and you got some 'splainin' to do).

Byron Blazed Trails

If you wish to stay closer to campus this weekend, but still want to walk in beauty like the night, consider the plethora of trails mown nearby. Michael Hussey and his crew from the Rikert Nordic Center have left detailed maps of the many, many loops on which you can run, ride, lope, or hike. Check the Front Desk, Barn East, and the Barn for copies, then come back and tell of days in goodness spent. N.B.: bring bug spray, a buddy, and *aguafria*.

The Bluest "I"

Really? You've already contacted Simon Brown and John Oliver to read at this Sunday's Blue Parlor at 7 pm? That's fabulous. Way to hop on the Generosity Train. There are still spots available on that line, and you'll have other opportunities to read this summer, but make a point to check out the maiden voyage this weekend. Hearing your classmates' work numbers among All-Time Great Things About

Bread Loaf. Whether you're an engineer or passenger, we'll see you Sunday after dinner. And speaking of creative writing opps on the Mountain, take heed of this

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High Rollers

The 4th Annual Bread Loaf Bocce Tournament will soon kick off and you'd best be a part of it. Grand Poobah John Munro will construct brackets, rule on all bylaw interpretations, and crown the 2012 BL Champs. **John needs you to find a partner (team of two), come up with a witty name for your bocce band, and submit your name to him over BreadNet.** Although it's a courtly Italian game of lawn skill normally contested on sand courts, BL-style bocce travels over campus hill and dale and routinely involves trash talking and head games. Your *Crumb Bum* has a set for anyone who wishes to practice a *volo* or *raffa*, and the School last year provided a few sets for would-be bocc-alists. Ask at the Front Desk for these. Finally, note the ease and camaraderie inherent in the game; this is an all-comers tourney, ecumenical and open-armed. First game goes off on July 4.

As If Increase Of Appetite Had Grown By What It Fed On

It's a bit new, so here's your reminder: Friday-Sunday, breakfast is available 8-9 am. Lunch opens at 12:30 pm each of those three days. Dinner buffet at 6 pm on Friday and Saturday. Sunday's 6 pm dinner is seated and served.

Steve Miller Knows You're All Cleaned Up And Your Chores Are All Done

Wanna find out if you're *curvilinear* or *rectilinear*? **Come to the Barn tomorrow, 7:30-9:30 pm, and dance, dance, dance.** Miley's dad and Dwight Yoakam will help lead you through one-, two-, and four-wall line dances, as will the callers brought in to teach you the steps. Be certain to bring an ID, should you thirst for a cold drink. **After 9:30, DJ Heathcliff and Thrushcross Grange will play dance music of many a stripe.** Time to go country for a night, ya'll.

We Are The Champions, My Friend

I know. Afternoon classes have a way of cramping your Euro 2012 fandom. If you missed the excessively turgid Spain-Portugal semi-final or the livewire antics of one M. Balotelli versus *Die Mannschaft*, you can set your mind at ease by **joining the soccer crew down at the Waybury Inn this Sunday at 2:30 pm.** Will *tiki-taka* prevail or will we witness the second coming of *El Pibe de Oro*? Come to see.

Roald Dahl's 'avin' A Laugh

Debbie Alcorn announces the BLTN Twitter Feed. Please contribute or read at:
<https://twitter.com/#!/BLTNTeachers/>

Use This Space

Some do's and don'ts, people. Do use classroom space in the Barn for meetings, but only if you've signed up on the schedule in front of the Main Office. Don't use the parking spaces in front of Treman, the Inn, or your dorm. Do use this Friday *Crumb* for social, cultural, or athletic weekend announcements. Email hinckerh on BreadNet to submit. Have a fantastic three days rest, Loafers, and many thanks for such a fine launch to BL 2012.

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July 2, 2012

Events

Today:

Claudia Johnson 7:30 pm

Bread Loaf FC 7-ish

Tuesday:

All School Pic 12:30 pm

Faculty Pic 1:30 pm

BLSOC Meeting 7:30pm

Menu

Lunch (12:45): soup surprise; cod Provencal on Mediterranean cous cous OR ratatouille on white beans & basil; fresh asparagus

Dinner (6:00): roast turkey with cranberry sauce OR medieval lentil stew; mashed Dan Quayle; stuffing; sautéed spinach & onions

Weather

Today: pleasantville 74/56

Tuesday: sun 80/60

The 4th: independent 80/60

From our northern neighbor:

Happy Belated Canada Day

I Declare After All There Is No Enjoyment Like Reading!

Miss Bingley would've dug Bread Loaf. It's exactly days like today that satisfy: beautiful sky, good friends, quiet reading, and an esteemed expert in Jane Austen for an evening's intrigue. **Claudia Johnson**, Chair of Princeton's English Department and author of the book on Austen's continuing relevance to modern pop culture, **speaks tonight at 7:30 pm in the Barn**. Only a handful of spots remain, but you may still share dinner and conversation with Dr. Johnson at a table of fellow Loafers. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the Dining Hall. After Dr. Johnson concludes her talk, "Jane Austen's Things," **please join the community at a reception in Treman Cottage**.

Always Be A Poet, Even In Prose

Back by student acclaim and popular demand, the Ken Macrorie Writing Center-Vermont has officially opened its doors. The Center exists to foster communication between writers and peer readers *at all stages of the composition process*. Thus, feel free to make an appointment to discuss your piece *before* you have a draft, or take a set of notes and hash out your essay's structure, or bring a handful of lines that you'd like to turn into a sestina. It's all fair game, as the peer readers at the Center wish to simply inform an author's thinking. Writing projects of all stripe and at every phase of completion are welcome. Find the Center in the Davison Library Conference Room on the second floor. Its doors stay open Sunday-Wednesday and Friday. Drop in or make an appointment with one of the well-trained, thoughtful readers.

POELLAGE: Adam Fitzgerald & Bianca Stone

Come to the Blue Parlor, July 4, 11 a.m. - Noon, for Bianca and Adam's talk: "We want to do something specific for poets and teachers to use, with their own students, to foster experimentation with technology and the maddeningly infinite resources of the Internet...Hence a special Bread Loaf Tumblr we've created, located @ poellage.tumblr.com. This website, which we can authorize any Bread Loaf participant to become a contributor for, features an array of experts and links to contemporary poetics as they are developing now....the design of the website is meant to be clear, open-ended but also dizzying: <http://poellage.tumblr.com/archive>."

Copies of "**JOHN ASHBERY: THE POETRY OF COLLAGE AND COLLABORATION**," an essay prepared by Bianca and Adam in collaboration with John Ashbery, are available at the Front Desk.

The (bocc'd) Italian Job

Bocce teams have been forming and practice rounds taking place, all in anticipation for the Kumite of Grassy Skill. The Bocce Tournament kicks off this week. Have you submitted your **witty team name and members to John Munro over BreadNet?** He'll design the brackets, notify ESPN, and launch the first game amid a shower of sparklers and festooning flags on Independence Day. You'll love it: Childe Hassam meets Jean-Claude Van Damme.

The Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. Celebration

We're not quite a crowded theater, but Schenk's got a point. The Inn will test its **fire alarm tomorrow afternoon at 1 pm**. You should be finishing up your salad when the cacophony begins. Listen closely, but don't move (counter-intuitive, that) because the drill is designed merely to introduce you to the dulcet tones of Emergency Warning. If you should hear the sound again this summer, it's time to evacuate the building and ask yourself, "Did I make any contraband fires, light candles, incense, or my Sokoloff first draft when I shouldn't have?" An emergency evacuation's also the time for your Floor Leader to count heads. Don't be nervous, just prepared, Webelo.

Students of Color Meeting Tomorrow

The Bread Loaf Students of Color group will **meet tomorrow evening in the Blue Parlor at 7:30 pm**. All those who made last week's reception and/or interested parties unable to attend that event are encouraged to join.

BLTN News

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Yoga Summit

Dhara Baiden wants all practicing, would-be, and Berra-flavored *yogis* to contact her over BreadNet. She's stepped forward to spear-head (awful aggressive language for such a calming activity?) the yoga offerings on the Mountain this summer. If you've instructed before: great. If you're down with Hatha, but don't know much Ananda: also great. And if you're simply looking to find a class and learn a few asanas: you're in luck. Stay tuned to this space for upcoming announcements of these free, community-oriented yoga events.

The Trivium

Grammar, logic, and rhetoric aren't necessary to play trivia at Two Brothers this **Wednesday evening**, but Lauren Mahendry and Gene Campbell both think they'd help. It'll run you two bucks to play, **starts at 7 pm**, and offers everlasting *kleos* to Champions. Strap on your Shield of Useless Knowledge, Achilles, then BreadNet one of the two trivial organizers above to offer your services.

Dorian

Ed Brown will take the **All School Picture tomorrow at 12:30 pm** in the meadow across 125 from the Inn. Because our Basil Hallward doesn't do personal images, you will continue to age in appropriate fashion. Whether or not that's desirable might be the beginning of your talk with a peer reader from the Writing Center. Or you could chat up a professor on the subject when the **Faculty takes its photo at 1:30 pm tomorrow**.

Grab Bag

1) Except in cases of extreme emergency, Box bathrooms are men's rooms. 2) *Hamlet* rehearsals are open to the community between 7 and 10 pm. 3) Play soccer tonight below Tamarack Cottage around 7 pm. 4) Van runs have space for 6 people, leave the Inn at 1:30 pm, and allow you to accomplish all your Midd errands in style. 5) Thanks to Lee for the post-Line Dance art/music installation. 6) You're in the right when you silence your phone and only use it outside public spaces. 7) Have you seen any animals? BreadNet hinckerh with varmint viewings.

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Events

Today:

All School Pic	12:30 pm
Faculty Pic	1:30 pm
BLSOC Meeting	7:30 pm

Wednesday:

Poellage	11 am
Waitstaff Pic	12:30 pm
BL Staff Pic	1:30 pm
Directors' Reception	5 pm
Trivia	7 pm

Thursday:

Andover/BLTN Mtg.	7 pm
Pond Reading	9 pm

Menu

Lunch (12:45): buffalo chicken wrap OR roasted portobello wrap; tortellini pasta salad w/tomato pesto

Dinner (6:00): grilled maple balsamic thyme chicken OR veggie strudel; green beans; mashed potatoes

Weather

Today: Borat says? 79/58

R.I.P. Andy Griffith

Picture Raphael's School Of Athens

Come to the Blue Parlor after dinner Wednesday and learn about The Academy for Teachers, a new non-profit modeled on Bread Loaf and founded by faculty member Sam Swope. The Academy was created to honor and support teachers as passionate intellectuals. The program will conduct one-off seminars led by brilliant, inspiring academics and writers—a kind of one-day Bread Loaf during the school year. It's a start-up venture, a dream just beginning, and Sam could use some of the Mountain's formidable brain power to help The Academy create the best professional development for teachers in the world.

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Mr. McKee's Scrapbook

If you've read this far before lunch and you notice it's *way* quiet, you might still have time to join the rest of Bread Loaf across 125 for the **All School Picture at 12:30 pm today**. Linger after coffee, faculty, since your pic's at 1:30 pm today. Waitstaff: you don't usually get to read this until evening (or if someone drops a copy during class), but do try to make the **12:30 photograph tomorrow**. All Bread Loaf staffers will have their images captured at 1:30 pm tomorrow.

Hear Lee Greenwood's Refrain

Bristol, VT's 4th of July festivities begin at 6 pm tonight. Street fair, picnic food, games, and live music. Fireworks at dusk. Annual Outhouse Race (seriously) at 9 am tomorrow. Parade begins at

10:30 am tomorrow. Burlington, VT's patriotic, flammable display goes off at 9:30 pm tonight. This one's also kid-friendly, with jugglers, clowns, roving magicians and musicians cruising around the Harbor. Brandon, VT celebrates the holiday this Friday with the Food Fest/Street Dance at 6 pm. Saturday's the parade at 1 pm, then music all afternoon in Central Park, the Great Ball Race at 3 pm, and fireworks come dusk.

Because 'Slightly Better Than Average, But Not Quite Superlative Frisbee Game' Doesn't Grab Attention

John Oliver and the other frizz huckers (gotta be real careful when you say that one aloud) invite you to play **Ultimate Frisbee tonight** at the stroke of "when you're ready, dude." They'll gather on the field below Tamarack, expertly converted from a soccer pitch the evening before, just after dinner and play until it's time to read, time to rest, or time for a drink. All shapes, sizes, skill levels, and zodiacal signs welcome. Except Capricorns. Capricorns can't throw. John's got cones and Frisbees galore. Just bring yourself around 7 pm.

NKOTB Knows You've Got The Write Stuff

The Ken Macrorie Writing Center, located on Davison Library's second floor, encourages walk-ins, appointments, and casual conversations. The Center exists to foster communication between writers and peer readers *at all stages of the composition process*. Four readers stand ready at any one time to discuss your research opus on Orwell, the short response essay to Remarque, or your sonnet cycle (working title: "Cold As Ice: Ripton Country Store In Winter"). Clarify your thinking about such projects by means of a thorough hashing out with this fine staff. The Center's doors stay **open Sunday-Wednesday and Friday, 10-12, 2-4, and 8-11 pm**. Drop by or make an appointment with one of the well-trained, thoughtful readers.

The Bear Went Over The Mountain

To go for a run with Rae. Apparently, running on Schoolhouse Road at an hour early enough to attract only animal attention, Rae Paris discovered a new training partner: a healthy, 10K-training black bear. The ursine harrier matched her speed and direction (a tough feat considering the beast had to run through wooded terrain and Rae *was* wearing her Nike Shoxx) for less than a minute before deciding to see what it could see elsewhere. Returning to campus in an adrenaline-aided forty-three seconds, Rae PR'd her training run. I'd not recommend this sort of interval training for the faint of heart, but if you work best under Fight or Flight conditions, let me tell you about the garter snake "as big as my arm" Colin saw sunning itself when he left the Barn Monday. **Editor's Note for city folks:** garter snakes are non-poisonous and eat rodents. Of course, if you're less Indiana Jones and need your speed driven by furry woodland creatures, Emily Bartels says a family of chipmunks hangs out near Fritz most evenings. Can't say I'm not getting you ready for the Charlie Orr 5K later this summer...

Writing Around The World

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#5) A Car Leaves Boston Traveling At 64 MPH Toward Ripton While A Train...

In a population of such talented teachers, we are hopeful that we can find someone with experience teaching pre-calculus who can help our daughter, Sophia (16). She is doing much of the work on her own (online), but could really benefit from having an experienced math teacher with whom she could meet once or twice a week to go over the material and address any particular challenges she is facing. If you are interested, please contact either Jeffrey Shoulson or Margery Sokoloff via Breadnet. We would, of course, be happy to pay you for your time and expertise.

If someone from the Bread Loaf community is planning a trip back up the Mountain from Boston on or around July 8 and would be willing to give a ride to a 14-year-old boy, please contact Jeffrey Shoulson or Margery Sokoloff via Breadnet.

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Events

Today:

Waitstaff Pic 12:30 pm

BL Staff Pic 1:30 pm

Directors' Reception 5 pm

Trivia 7 pm

Thursday:

Andover/BLTN Mtg. 7 pm

Pond Reading 9 pm

Friday:

Revision Workshop 10 am

Murder By Death 9 pm

Menu

Lunch (12:45): mango-bourbon pulled pork; roasted red potatoes; jalapeno corn bread; butternut squash-tomato au gratin

Dinner (6:00): shrimp and mussels over spaghetti with spinach pesto OR basil pesto spaghetti; garlic bread; salad

Weather

Today: swampy 81/59

Thursday: p. cloudy 78/56

Friday: warm 85/65

Drop Dead Gorgeous

Of course I'm talking to you, hot stuff. Now that I've got your attention, please note that **today is the last day to Drop or Add a course for the summer**. You may perform either task with a quick trip to the BL Main Office in back of the Inn.

Polonius Talks Haute Couture

Bread Loaf t-shirt ordering will begin today. You may see this year's design posted on the bulletin board outside the Dining Hall. Big ups to MacNair Randall for her fabulous artwork. Contact Calista Kelly—over BreadNet, by phone, through a note in her mailbox—with your name, your preferred color, size, and number of shirts. \$12/shirt.

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Sometimes A Great Notion

Come to the Blue Parlor after dinner tonight and learn about The Academy for Teachers, a new non-profit modeled on Bread Loaf and founded by faculty member Sam Swope. The Academy was created to honor and support teachers as passionate intellectuals. The program will conduct one-off seminars led by brilliant, inspiring academics and writers—a kind of one-day Bread Loaf during the school year. It's a start-up venture, a dream just beginning, and Sam could use some of the Mountain's formidable brain power to help The Academy create the best professional development for teachers in the world.

The Dos Passos Trilogy

Brandon, VT celebrates the holiday this weekend with the Food Fest/Street Dance Friday at 6 pm. Saturday's the parade at 1 pm, then music all afternoon in Central Park, the Great Ball Race at 3 pm, and fireworks come dusk. The Vermont Symphony Orchestra will play tonight at Shelburne Farms at 7:30 pm. Gates open at 5:15 if you wish to picnic, and tickets will run you \$34 if you call ahead or \$38 onsite. Fireworks follow. Contact Flynn Box Office.

Avant-garde Auto

Edward Brown sends word that **this Friday's van run to Midd** is more subjective narratology than autocratic authorial control. I think that means the passengers decide the stops and the times. He's suggested an **8:45 am Mountain departure and an 11:30 am return** from town, but hey, let him know your druthers and Choose Your Own Adventure. The afternoon run should embark around 1:30-ish. This is the Age of Post Post-Modern Transpo...

The Book Of Hours

Rilke would've visited the Ken Macrorie Writing Center, located on Davison Library's second floor, since it encourages walk-ins, appointments, and casual conversations. They've also announced new hours. Find a flyer nearby or commit this schedule to memory and impress your lunchmates: **Sun, 8-11 pm; Mon/Wed, 10 am-12, 2-4 pm, 8-10 pm; Tue, 10 am-12, 2-4 pm, 9-11 pm.** Nice work, Johnny Mnemonic.

Rolling In My 5.0

The Commish has begun this year's Bocce Bracketology. See the bulletin board near the Dining Hall for your first round matchup and the Tournament Rules and Regulations. Due to record interest, a few random teams have early byes. Here's the rub, Hammy: get your games in early, otherwise we'll not finish the tourney before we shuffle off this mortal coil. John Munro can help link up opponents who may not know each other, but so can BreadNet and a little *chutzpah*, shrinking violet. Bocce sets for your games live behind the Front Desk and on the Annex porch.

Saturday Excursion 2.0

After the radical success of the Silver Lake hike, MacNair's next jaunt will take you to Stowe and its surrounding environs. There will be an easy to moderate hike, plus visits to the local establishments. Because it's a slightly longer car ride, **the caravan will leave the Inn at 1:30 pm Saturday and return by dinner.** You'll take box lunches to maximize your time on the trail. If you'd like to go canoeing/kayaking on July 14, please sign up with MacNair by Monday. Owning your own boat and/or car would help with logistics, too. Give her a heads up.

Request For Language Training

Josh Rilla hopes to find fellow Loafers with a knowledge of American Sign Language. He's got the next five weeks to put himself through a crash course before he's called to communicate during A Very Important Event. Please contact him over BreadNet or drop a note in his mailbox. *Grazie mille.*

Westward Ho!

Roughly a third of you will gather on the West Lawn this evening at 5 pm for the summer's first Directors' Reception. Attire is smart casual (got that term from Laertes' dad), discussion is profound, a good time is certain. Come over to chat with faculty, colleagues, and friends. Slip an ID in your pocket if you'd like to have a drink.

Max Headroom, The Bangles, & Risky Business

The 80's Dance is upon us. **This Saturday at 9 pm**, break out your neon legwarmers, Members Only jackets, parachute pants, and white high tops. Expect Dancing On the Ceiling, teased bangs, and sequined gloves. As ever, best outfit wins you major street cred and an ID wins you a cool beverage.

Tainted Love

Hi. Your soft cell conversations need to be just a smidge softer, please. We can hear you when you're outside the Library and the Barn and your dorm and our dorm. Maybe your room's the best place to take care of all that?

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Events

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Andover/BLTN Mtg. 7 pm

Pond Reading 9 pm

Friday:

Revision Workshop 10 am

Frost Picnic 6 pm

Murder By Death 9 pm

Saturday:

Stowe Excursion 12 pm

80s Dance 9 pm

Menu

Lunch (12:45): chicken fajita
OR black bean quesadilla;
roasted corn; soup

Dinner (6:00): stuffed
mushroom cap OR chicken
dijonnaise; au gratin potato

Weather

Today: p. cloudy 76/56

Friday: just hot 88/66

Saturday: p. sunny 86/61

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Prose Pros

Professor John Fyler enclosed this message expressly for *you*:
"Every year I show my classes a thirty minute film, 'Revising Prose,' based on a book with the same title by Richard Lanham. I've found it an invaluable tool for revision, and for talking about revision with my undergraduate and graduate students at Tufts and here at Bread Loaf. A number of BL students over the years have agreed, and several have written me, sometimes years later, about how useful Lanham's 'paramedic method' has been for their own writing and teaching. Some buy the video and/or the book for use in their own schools. **Tomorrow's workshop is intended to introduce 'Revising Prose' to a wider audience and to talk about the issues it raises, as well as about the writing process in general. We'll meet in Barn 6 Friday morning, 10-12.**"

La Chanson De Lloyd

Fresh from Roncesvalles, Lloyd Miller wants you to help make the music happen this summer. He's the leader of BL's singing group and hopes you'll attend today's meeting at 5 pm in the Barn. There'll be lyrics and chord charts for a few songs so you can start singing and playing right away. Please bring your guitars, ukuleles, accordions, recorders, tin whistles, and other instruments, as well as lyrics and

sheet music, for the tunes you'd like the group to try. This year's group will sing and play informally throughout the summer at various venues and events, as well as offering their traditional performances before *Hamlet* at the end of the session. Lloyd hopes this will give more people an opportunity to get involved. Feel free to drop in at any rehearsals/jams throughout the summer. They'll be doing music from a variety of genres and putting a special emphasis on tunes anyone -- no matter what their experience or ability -- can join as a singer or instrumentalist. Contact Lloyd over BreadNet or at thedeedledeedledees@yahoo.com

Sun(day) Salutations

Dhara Baiden will begin offering **yoga classes** this **Sunday in Barn A from 5-5:45 pm**. She's aiming for a three class/week practice schedule. To get your dog looking downward, you'll need a mat, a bottle of water, and you ought to wear comfortable clothes in which you can move freely. Are you a beginner? Dhara'd love to have you in class and asks that you arrive a few minutes early for a chat with the instructor.

Need To Be Versed In Country Things?

Tomorrow's dinner will be served at the Homer Noble Farm, as it's the Annual Frost Picnic. Remember, the farmhouse is where ol' Bobby spent many summers writing, grumbling, and teaching. Many Loafers will choose to walk the roughly one mile west on 125, then up Frost Road to the farm. Feel free to follow the not so madding crowd or you may take a shuttle. The vans will start leaving the Inn porch around 5:40.

Stowe Away

In the event you didn't hear Coffta's thunderous proclamation at lunch yesterday, here's the updated 411 on Saturday's excursion with MacNair. You'll leave the Inn at 12 pm. You need to bring a lunch or order a box lunch when you sign up at the Front Desk. That order needs to happen by 2 pm today. You'll begin your hike at the Von Trapp Lodge in Stowe (a very good place to start) and MacNair will bring you back to DO-oh-oh-oh here on BL campus by 6 pm's dinner bell.

Blue Man Group

Simon "Simon" Brown and John Oliver still have a few slots left for **this Sunday's Blue Parlor at 7 pm**. If you'd like to read/present some of your original work, get in touch with either wordsmith over BreadNet.

All Work And No Play...

The residents of Tamarack cordially invite you to **tonight's Pond Reading at 9 pm**. The DA's will provide gallons and gallons of citronella, some snacks, and cold beverages (bring that ID). Tamarack's got your Mystery Faculty Reader and perhaps a short passage from Joseph Battell's opus. Editor's Note: *Ellen*'s located on the same library shelf as Nietzsche, near William James and just above the Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible. That's no simple coincidence. As the philosopher D. Parton once opined: "It's hard being a diamond in a rhinestone world."

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Escape The Heat At The BL Cineplex

Friday's movie, *Murder By Death*, begins at 9 pm in the Barn. This farcical mystery flick features Peter Sellers, Eileen Brennan, Maggie Smith, and Alec Guinness as participants in a murder investigation gone awry. Neil Simon wrote the screenplay and Robert Moore directed the film, which features Truman Capote in a comic cameo.

Shake It Like A Polaroid Picture

Saturday's 80's Dance will showcase your historico-sartorial splendor and those Elaine Benes-like gyrations you call dancing. G Tha Mad DJ wants you to know that the music choices will move steadily forward through time and will include plenty of hip-hop and current cuts as the night progresses. It's an ecumenical event for all comers.

Dress Your Family In Corduroy And Denim

Maybe Sedaris isn't the wisest choice for fashion advisor, but Calista Kelly certainly is. She's taking orders for the BL T-shirt you simply must have in your fall collection. The design's posted on the bulletin board near the Dining Hall. Shirts come in white, violet, and paprika (that's red, hoss). **Please contact her—on BreadNet or live and in person—with your size, color choice, and desired quantity by July 9.**

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Events

Today:

Murder By Death 9 pm

Saturday:

Stowe Excursion 12 pm

FROST PICNIC 6 pm

80s Dance 9 pm

Sunday:

Yoga 5 pm

Blue Parlor 7 pm

Menu

Lunch (12:30): basil-coconut chicken curry OR braised lentils with tomato & spinach over basmati rice; cauliflower n' carrots

Dinner (6:00): mushroom ragu over potato gnocchi OR meat Loaf; corn-cheddar mashed potato; peas and pearl onions

Weather

Today: pretty steamy 85/63

Saturday: a storm? 86/61

Sunday: real nice 76/51

Come To The Frost Picnic On SATURDAY

Well, that didn't take long. The *Crumb's* Bonehead Maneuvers File just got a little bit thicker. **The Frost Picnic at Homer Noble Farm is SATURDAY, 7/7—not tonight—at 6 pm.** Please change your calendars, iPhones, DayTimers, and family plans. Wasn't it Cicero who proclaimed, as I do to you now, "Mea culpa, ya'll people"? The shuttle to Homer Noble Farm will begin running at 5:40 tomorrow evening. You can also have a nice walk to and fro; head west on 125 and take the right turn up (the conveniently named) Frost Road. Look for one of the Front Desk staff to conduct short tours of the farm.

Need A Ride To Worship Sunday?

Promise Partner writes to *Crumb* HQ with word that she's offering rides to church/worship services in Middlebury **this Sunday morning**. Promise will leave the Mountain about 9:30 am. Give her a note over BreadNet and she'll help you make the Mass, meeting, & etc. that you need. "There are plenty of fantastic services to center you for the week, inspire your next poem, or balance you for the day." Cheers.

Hear Faculty Readers Monday Evening

The Faculty Reading Series begins in high style **this Monday** with a lead-off triple: **David Huddle, Michele Stepto, and Sam Swope will offer some of their recent work in the Barn at 7:30 pm.** You might also consider checking in the Annex Bookstore for copies of these authors' books.

Seniors: Just Do It

Fifth-year students ought to have received the Senior Film Survey in their mailboxes earlier this week. The second step is to *fill it out*. *Especially the top half.* Third phase of this operation requires you to return said survey to Mailbox 2420. That's a pretty straightforward means to achieve Total Nostalgia when you see this movie. So, help out already.

Make Yourself One Of That August Company

Perhaps you've long ago decided to present your work at **Blue Parlor on Sunday night at 7 pm**. Maybe you're planning to make up the supportive, appreciative audience at these student readings of fiction, poetry, and song. Is it possible you've *never* attended a Blue Parlor? Treat yourself this weekend, fair reader, to a Bread Loaf institution.

O'Malley's Charge

Oh no. Hayley O'Malley's Mac charger has slipped into a hidden nook, right near the resting place of my favorite sock, the receipt you need for the audit, and the slip of paper with your best friend's mailing address on it: that is, it's lost. Or might the thing have been mistakenly carried home with another Mac user? Hayley last remembers using it on the second floor of Davison. Be a dear and double check your bag if you belong to Jobs' Army, s'il vous plait. BreadNet Hayley ASAP so she can crank out the last few pages of that paper due Monday.

Yogatta Try This

Dhara Baiden will begin offering **yoga classes this Sunday in Barn A from 5-5:45 pm**. She's aiming for a three class/week practice schedule. Long-term planners, take note: Thursday, 7/12 at 5 pm in Barn A and Friday, 7/13 at 10 am in Barn 1 will comprise the week's classes. Bring a mat and a bottle of water. Comfortable clothes are a must. Beginners are plenty welcome and should arrive a few minutes early for a chat with the instructor.

Rumba Rec

Get geared up for the 34h Annual Festival on the Green in downtown Midd. You'll learn more about the Festival over the next few days and might think of heading down for a few trips to hear all the goodies. **Sunday evening at 7 pm, check out Rumbafrica**, a group that "incorporates the sweet vocal harmonies and lilting dance rhythms of classic Congolese rumba, as well as the cranking, non-stop beat of modern Soukous. Guitar theatrics, percussion breakdowns, and traditional dancing are all part of Rumbafrica's stage show."

Victorious Verse?

The Robert Haiduke Poetry Contest was established many years ago as an opportunity for Bread Loaf students to obtain recognition for their original poetry. It is a multi-campus competition with **one deadline for submission, Thursday, July 19, 2012**. To enter submit one or two poems (maximum 40 lines each) by e-mail to Karen Browne on BreadNet. The winner(s) will receive a substantial cash prize and the winning poems will be published and distributed at all Bread Loaf campuses and published on the Bread Loaf website. **Please note that by entering the contest you give permission for your poems to be printed and distributed.**

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More 4th Fun

Brandon, VT celebrates Independence Day tonight with the Food Fest/Street Dance at 6 pm. Saturday's the parade at 1 pm, then music all afternoon in Central Park, the Great Ball Race at 3 pm, and fireworks come dusk.

Coffee Contributions

Thanks for making a new pot of coffee in the Barn when you see it's about empty. Keeping the precious brown liquid hot and fresh not only means your third hour with Proust will fly by, but—what's more—your fellow Loafers will sing your praises and send up huzzahs when they see you pay it forward. On a similar note, grab a napkin and wipe up any spills around the prep area so we don't attract flies and other unwanted guests at the Barn Café.

I Want A Bread Loaf T-Shirt

Here's a handy-dandy order form that you can fill out, tear off, and drop in Calista Kelly's mailbox. Saves you all that strenuous typing and email-sending over BreadNet. Bam. I just bought you an extra read through of that essay on Remarque. You're welcome.

Quantity _____ Size _____ (S-XXXL) Color _____ (white, paprika, violet)

Name _____ Each shirt's 12 bucks. **Orders are due by next Tuesday, 7/9**

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Events

Today:

Faculty Reading 7:30 pm

Bread Loaf FC 7-ish

Tuesday:

Ultimate Frisbee 7 pm

SOC Meeting 7:30 pm

Wednesday:

Trivia Night 9 pm

Menu

Lunch (12:45): soup du jour; apricot glazed chicken breast OR marinated tofu stir-fry; brown rice; zucchini n' tomato

Dinner (6:00): veggie stew OR beef stew; mashed potato; salad

Weather

Today: temperate 74/48

Tuesday: perfect 76/48

Wednesday: rain? 79/54

Either write something worth reading or do things worth writing. -B. Franklin

Teach This Triple Truth To All

The session's first Faculty Reading Event takes place tonight at 7:30 pm in the Barn. Come to hear the fictive output of David Huddle, Michele Stepto, and Sam Swope. Wanna taste of the goods before you get the main course this evening? Stop by the Annex Bookstore and feast your eyes upon these instructors' finest works. If you enjoy the reading and wish to continue the fun, amble over to Treman after to share your goodwill. See you there.

Let's Just Wait And T

Procrastinators of the world, let's get together...tomorrow. You're in luck, lounging Loafer. T-shirt ordering has been extended until tomorrow (Tuesday) at lunchtime. Remember, give Calista Kelly all the salient info: name, size, quantity, and color either via BreadNet or mailbox.

You Oughta Be In Pictures

Fifth-year students ought to have received the Senior Film Survey in their mailboxes earlier this week. The second step is to *fill it out*. Especially the top half. Third phase of this operation requires you to return said survey to Mailbox 2420. The Powers That Be still need this valuable feedback so they can make your Graduation the best-est.

Kermit's Song

It ain't as tough as Piggy's beau would have us believe. A variety of simple actions can help reduce your carbon footprint, contribute to a cleaner campus, and generally get you on the right side of Captain Planet. To wit, bring your own coffee mug to the Dining Hall and Barn; drop this *Crumb*, and the others after, in a recycling bin; try to read critical articles online or take notes on them while in Davison; walk the few hundred feet from your dorm to the Dining Hall; and never, ever, leave your cans and paper plates in the stream below the meadow. It's mighty depressing to take your fam or your visiting Significant Other or your solitary thoughts down to the watery banks only to find refuse from last night's soiree. Mindfulness is the watchword. Thanks for keeping the Mountain as green as when you arrived.

Students Of Color Meet Tomorrow In Blue Parlor At 7:30 PM

The Fire Sermon

Here's the first of two items from the Postponed File. Facilities will **test the fire alarms in the Inn tomorrow during lunch at 1 pm**. Because this is only a test, you need not leap to your feet and shriek hysterically. Just chill, Winston. In fact, the next time you hear that alarm, you can rest assured it's an emergency but will want to conduct yourself with a little more grace under pressure, *n'est-ce pas?*

What The Thunder Said

Primarily, It recommended pushing back the Frost Picnic by a week, although there were a few Sanskrit terms I still gotta look up. So, Postponed File Item #2: **the Frost Picnic at Homer Noble Farm will take place this Friday at 6 pm**. Grab a partner for the walk down or wait for a shuttle. After the murmurs of lamentations over first papers this week, give yourself a little *shantih shantih shantih* and relax with the entire community. All BL faculty, staff, and families are invited.

Bring Me The Finest Meats And Cheeses For A Clubhouse Feast

All seniors are urged to **give Victoria Brown their banquet guest numbers and room requests for Graduation festivities**. You might find her behind the Front Desk to do so or you could drop her a note on BreadNet.

Wroving Writing Center

Many have been the productive conversations emanating from the Ken Macrorie Writing Center in the last week. Please continue to avail yourselves of this fabulous resource. Know this, gentle reader: **daytime meetings and walk-ins will now take place in the first floor office of Davison Library**. Evening business will be conducted on the second floor so Loafers can work quietly downstairs. Recall that you can bring compositions at every phase of completion for a helpful *tete a tete* with your peer reader.

Quiz Show

Just what *is* the airspeed velocity of an unladen swallow? Which of Hemingway's wives shares a name with a mountain in the Rockies? Which Front Deskers should you applaud for putting together and hosting **Trivia Night this Wednesday at 9 pm in the Barn?** Last one's Gen(ie in a bottle) Campbell and (Onward) Christian (Soldier) Clarke. Unless you're down with stretched sobriquets, look for the Before and After category Wednesday night for that to make a bit more sense. Form teams and arrive a bit early for your shot at trivial greatness. Note: this event replaces the competition down in Midd, features more Loaf-friendly questions, and is Charles Van Doren approved.

The New Digital Storytelling: Two-Day Workshop

Barn 1: Thursday, July 12, 7-9 pm

Barn 1: Friday, July 13, 9-11 am

What does the world of emerging technologies mean for teachers? How can the classroom best grapple with the new possibilities of cyberspace? Shel Sax, Middlebury director of education technology, and Bryan Alexander, senior fellow for the National Institute of Technology for Liberal Education, will describe two ways forward over a two-day workshop. First we will explore digital literacies, learning about the new information-wrangling skills, and techniques needed by students and instructors alike: navigating social media, the ethics of networked life, cultivating skepticism, and personal learning networks. Next we survey digital storytelling, demonstrating emerging ways of telling stories with digital technologies. Both sessions will be thoroughly interactive, including many opportunities for hands-on work and practical takeaways. Shel and Bryan will ensure that the workshop space is one where every participant feels comfortable in asking questions and sharing reflections.

Limit: 15 Bread Loaf students
SIGN-UP at the Front Desk

The Digital Storytelling Workshop, offered at no cost to Bread Loaf students, is supported by a generous grant from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations.

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Events

Today:

Singing Group	5 pm
Ultimate Frisbee	7 pm
SOC Meeting	7:30 pm

Wednesday:

Bread Loaf FC	7 pm
Trivia Night	9 pm

Thursday:

Singing Group	5 pm
DigiStories Wkshop	7 pm
Pond Reading	9 pm

Menu

Lunch (12:45): minestrone soup; roman sandwiches OR roasted veggie sandwiches; pasta salad; broccoli

Dinner (6:00): grilled chicken pesto with cheese tortellini; garden marinara with tortellini; salad; tasty dessert

Weather

Today: purdy nice	76/48
Wednesday: rain?	79/54
Thursday: sol y viento	83/56

Field Trips Are Like Herding Katz

Professor Michael Katz plans to take the students in his Chekov course to Williamstown, MA on **Saturday, August 4**. There, they'll see a matinee performance of Turgenev's play "**A Month in the Country**." Bonus: you're invited. If you'd like to accompany these field trippers and askers, please **contact Professor Katz over BreadNet** and claim one of the five open tickets. The group will leave campus at **10 am Saturday and return that evening by 7 pm**.

I Sing The Body Electric

This note's for those who visited the Von Trapp Lodge last weekend (how *do* you solve a problem like Maria?), for any cast-offs from *The Voice*, for instrumentalists of great or small renown: **come out and get musical today at 5 pm in the Barn**. The BL Singing Group welcomes singers and players to its rehearsals *cum* jam sessions. Bring a few pieces you'd like to teach the group or be ready to lend your timbre to the total. Then, rinse and repeat this Thursday.

Don Draper Wants All "Creatives" To Contact Calista

Can't get enough musical performance in your summer Loafing? Is yours an endless foison of creativity? Maybe you're just a sucker for a captive audience and the appreciative applause of your Mountain colleagues. **Next Friday's Coffeehouse** will grant the chance to showcase your estimable talents that have too long gone unheard. Jugglers, jesters, songbirds, and Mnemosyne's heirs have all graced the Barn stage. Make the Coffeehouse happen by putting your John Hancock on the **sign-up sheet outside the Dining Hall and/or by contacting Calista Kelly on BreadNet**.

My Boy's Wicked Smaht

I know. It's a heavy burden, possessing such a store of totally useless information. Until now you've probably labored in silence, content in the knowledge that someday you'll be called on to recite the names of all the Presidents in alphabetical order. Fair reader, that time is now. Bread Loaf—Vermont's **1st International Trivia Night takes place this Wednesday at 9 pm**. Form teams of four players, craft an exceedingly clever team name (extra points given for such), and bring a pencil to the Barn. Unless you write only in pen because there are never any mistakes to erase, Mr. Hunting. Get your reading and writing done early, then come vie for the 2012 title.

Due Praise

Please congratulate the following students who have received named scholarships for the 93rd Bread Loaf Session.

John M. Kirk, Jr. Scholars

James Cordes	Molly Johnsen
Bernice Mbadugha	Christie Pride
Rebecca Spolarich	Matthew Valvano

Reginald & Juanita Cook Scholars

Lauren Bahedry	Barbara Barklow
Suzanne Callis	Nicholas Demarest
John Oliver	Emilie Stigliani

Mark Doty Wilson Scholar

Meghan Gorman-DaRif

Raymond A. Waldron Scholar

Shane Cappucio

Hazel Haseltine Adkins Scholar

Ellen Anderson	Sara Golski
Daniel St. Jean	

Wylie & Lucy Sypher Scholars

Hayley O'Malley	Aleah Dacey
Katherine Sauvain	

Laurence B. Holland Memorial Scholars

Stanley Lau	Lydia Traill
Abby McCrate	Alexander Manshel

Ruth McCullough Walzer Scholars

Brandon Abdon	Lauren Dean
Kimberly Przybysz	Diana Ling
Shana Aue	

Charles J. Orr Memorial Scholar

Emily Smith

Pauline Feicht Decker Memorial Scholar

Kelli McSweeney

Mina Shaughnessy Memorial Scholar

Eli Bromberg

Anthony Penale Award Scholar

Richard Braithwaite

Due Praise, Part Deux

The following endowed chairs for the 2012 session were awarded to these deserving, fantastic teachers.

John Kirk Chair of Medieval Literature: Professor John Fyler

Ruth and Lillian Marino Chair: Professor Jennifer Wicke

Robert Frost Chair of Literature: Professor Michael Katz

The New Digital Storytelling: Two-Day Workshop

Barn 1: Thursday, July 12, 7-9 pm

Limit: 15 students

Barn 1: Friday, July 13, 9-11 am

Sign Up at the Front Desk

What does the world of emerging technologies mean for teachers? How can the classroom best grapple with the new possibilities of cyberspace? Shel Sax, Middlebury director of education technology, and Bryan Alexander, senior fellow for the National Institute of Technology for Liberal Education, will describe two ways forward over a two-day workshop. First we will explore digital literacies, learning about the new information-wrangling skills, and techniques needed by students and instructors alike: navigating social media, the ethics of networked life, cultivating skepticism, and personal learning networks. Next we survey digital storytelling, demonstrating emerging ways of telling stories with digital technologies. Both sessions will be thoroughly interactive, including many opportunities for hands-on work and practical takeaways. Shel and Bryan will ensure that the workshop space is one where every participant feels comfortable in asking questions and sharing reflections.

The Digital Storytelling Workshop, offered at no cost to Bread Loaf students, is supported by a generous grant from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations.

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Events

Today:

Bread Loaf FC 7 pm
Trivia Night 9 pm

Thursday:

Singing Group 5 pm
Yoga 5 pm
DigiStories Wkshop 7 pm
Pond Reading 9 pm

Friday:

DigiStories Wkshop 9 am
Yoga 10 am
Frost Picnic 6 pm
Grease 9 pm

Menu

Lunch (12:45): chicken alfredo OR penne in tomato sauce; cheesy breadsticks

Dinner (6:00): lamb curry OR lentil-veggie stew; basmati rice; ensalada

Weather

Today: cirrus 77/52
Thursday: stratus 81/59
Friday: cumulus 84/59

It's Not Who's The Smartest, But Who Knows The Most Stuff

Let's see. Avogadro's Number? Check; got it off that cutie at Two Brothers. Fictional name of enlightened horses in Swift's oeuvre? I learned that one rolling with Brandon and Triple B in the Bluegrass State. What's the Large Hadron Super-Conducting Super-Collider do? Found out last week at Gilmore. Guess I'm all ready to get gussied up and head over to the Mountain's **1st International Trivia Night**. Ya'll come now, ya hear? Gene and Christian have been searching the internet (this time for trivia questions...) and have put together a fantastic evening away from your paper. Note: change title to include Avogadro; Wood digs constants. Bring three teammates—or just throw yourself into the mix—plus a handful of writing implements, and your massive repository of totally unnecessary information. **The event begins at 9 pm and includes all members of the community.**

When Frost Lived Here, He Won His Fourth Pulitzer

There. That doesn't cast too long a shadow on your essay deconstructing interrogative space and the search for identity in *Sweet Valley High*, "Like, Who's Who in Jessica Wakefield's Life, Or Whatever?" I'm sure it'll work out fine. If you need a bit more inspiration **this Friday, stop work and come eat at the Frost Picnic at Homer Noble Farm**. Yes, it *really* is Friday this time (apologies, Ben and Audrey) at **6 pm**. By now, you know the drill: we got shuttles leaving from the Inn at 5:40, we got tasty grilled eats, we got tours of the premises. Hope to see you there.

BLSOC Hosts The Dance This Saturday

Graffiti Party—a new way to write (on each other): **Wear a white t-shirt or tank top; we'll provide the markers.** When the lights go down, the black lights come on. The BLSOC is eager to share their favorites—ranging from hip-hop to reggaeton, compas to K-pop, and Bollywood to today's hits. P.S. Don't think you know how to boogie? **Come to the Barn at 8 pm Saturday for bachata and meringue lessons!** As ever, bring along an ID if you'd like a drink.

Grab Your Albert Hall And Don't Make Any Barney Rubble

Bread Loaf Football Club takes its dark and white kits **downtown to Midd** this evening at **7 pm** for a right proper gas on the pitch. You'll leave from the Barn car park after you finish your Yul Brynner. 11 v 11 ought to get you good and Cream Crackered before Trivia Night.

Месяц в деревне

Ever been to Williamstown? Ever seen the one about the bored mother who falls in love with her ward's tutor, exactly at the moment that her beautiful ward does the same? If you missed the performance of Turgenev's play "A Month in the Country" when Stanislavsky directed and starred in it (fairly likely, considering it was 1909), then you're the luckiest Loafer. Michael Katz has a handful of extra tickets for this show that he'll offer to you on a first come, first served basis. Contact Professor Katz over BreadNet and claim one of the five open tickets. The group will leave campus at 10 am Saturday, August 4 and return that evening by 7 pm

Hi, Mom! Here's Your Happy Meal And A Comfy Spot On My Floor

All seniors are urged to give Victoria Brown their banquet guest numbers and room requests for Graduation festivities. You might find her behind the Front Desk or you could drop her a note on BreadNet.

Tremble In Fear, Pre-Magister Litterarum

Let's say you're an MLitt candidate. And let's say you haven't scheduled an appointment to meet with Django about your course of study and academic progress. What would you do when you discover that Emily left the Bread Loaf Scepter of Power for Django to wield in her absence? Me? I'd truck it over to the Main Office in the Inn and set up a cordial little convo with Supreme Ruler Paris before he starts smiting those who displease him.

Important Location Switch

All those who have registered for the Digital Storytelling Workshop, hear this: the space for your Thursday and Friday event has moved from Barn 1 to the Library Second Floor Conference Room. Go directly to the Library Conference Room Thursday evening at 7 pm.

RCS>RSC

'Cause Shakespeare didn't get a five-page write-up in *Vermont Magazine*. Thanks to Robert Stepto for passing along the good news that our very own Ripton Country Store has an insightful, expansive profile in the latest issue. There's no access to the article online, but guess where you can pick up a copy of the mag? See you by the Iec chest.

A Wellness Wellspring

Dhara Baiden writes the *Crumb* Department of Fitness and Calm that the yoga class schedule has been set for the summer. Whip out your planner (just not on your iPhone; can't stand looking at dreaded ScreenFace) and make a point of attending one of these weekly sessions. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Sundays at 5 pm in Barn A and Friday at 10 am in Barn 1. Don't forget your mat, towel, water bottle, and the loose fitting clothing.

Gunshots Rang Out Like A Bell, I Grabbed My 9, All I Heard Were Shells

Travis Farrell has offered a warning for those of you with acute hearing: future rehearsals of *Hamlet* will feature blanks being fired in the Little Theater. Naturally, they'll sound plenty real, but you need not panic.

Simon & Garfunkel Sang A Hymn To Study Hours And The Consideration Due Fellow Loafers

Since we're on the subject of jarring aural attacks: *please* remember your studious colleagues reading and writing when you pick up your racket on the clay courts, palm your bocce balls near dorms, or feel the urge to sound your barbaric yawn over the rooftops when you finish working late night. It's been a little more difficult to work diligently in some quarters of campus this week. Time of day and proximity to typical study spaces ought to guide your decision to hoot, holler, or hush. Thanks for doing unto others....

This Little Light Of Mine

The DA's are in Research and Data Gathering Mode for next Friday's Coffeehouse. The event's a chance to remove the bushel and share your incredibly unique talents and skills with the larger BL community. Calista et. al. hope to keep seeing names and acts appear on the sign-up sheet outside the Dining Hall. Contact a DA *con preguntas*.

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Today:

Singing Group	5 pm
Yoga	5 pm
DigiStories Wkshop	7 pm
Pond Reading	9 pm

Friday:

DigiStories Wkshop	9 am
Yoga	10 am
Frost Picnic	6 pm
<i>Grease</i>	9 pm

Saturday:

Graffiti Party	9 pm
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Menu

Lunch (12:45): ginger-carrot soup; meat lovers' pizza OR veggie lovers' pizza; sweet potato fries

Dinner (6:00): fish n' chips OR corn cakes with tomatillo sauce

Weather

Today: warm	85/54
Friday: warmer	86/58
Saturday: oy	88/62

TGITHursday

Yes, you're buried under an avalanche of reading and writing the likes of which only three people have ever experienced. Yes, you need to focus. No, that does not mean you can retreat into the Paper Writing Cave and close off contact with your fellow Loafers and friends. Your brain needs a break, so why not rest it **tonight at 9 pm when the Pond Reading takes place?** The residents of Annex have searched hither *and* yon to find a Mystery Faculty Reader of Peerless Caliber. They're your hosts for the evening and have extended a personal invitation to you, Back Left Library Corner Dweller With Huge Stack Of Important Books And Scribbled Notes Everywhere. So, hit pause on "The Meta-narrative of Power Dynamics in Spaghetti Westerns" and turn your attention to relaxing for an hour or so. Don't forget to slip your ID in your pocket and start practicing remarks that don't begin with Foucauldian premises.

TGIFrost And *Grease*

As the Crumb Office of Social Planning and Fun reported in last issue, **tomorrow evening's Frost Picnic will kick off at 6 pm**, which you knew already because there's little printed matter you read these days without obsessing over the punctuation and wondering if it would somehow fit into your paper's conclusion. Note: you're right that there have been more frequent comma errors in these pages recently. Copy-editor's been at the shore all week; whaddya gonna do? What you don't know is that **Friday's 9 pm movie, *Grease***, will offer you songbirds, 50's buffs, and lyrical savants the chance to flex your metaphorical muscles. Movie-goers are encouraged to lend their reedy voices to Travolta and Newton-John's. It's a sing-along with Kenickie, Rizzo, and the crew. DA's have helpfully printed out some lyrics if you plan to bring your little one and they'd like to follow along. Or if you forgot the third verse of "You're The One That I Want" (hint: it begins with oo, oo, ooooo). Both Friday events are family-friendly.

Musical Chairs

Did you know that recent studies have determined sitting with new lunch partners at the Inn increases your compositional effectiveness by as much as 20%? *Science* is reporting upticks in transitional phrasing and persuasive argumentation, along with drops in temporary aphasia normally associated with Professor Meetings. Wanna go for a double? Pull up a chair next to your prof at the window tables. Talk about the reading from last class—or don't. Sabin and Brazil can wax on

about *The Amazing Spider-Man*'s cinematic greatness or firefly activity around Treman's meadow if you get 'em going. So, vary your routine, people. It's good for your paper, good for the community, and backed by cutting edge research.

BL's Wide World Of Sport

As the first reportage starts coming into the *Crumb*'s Department of Lawn Games and Tomfoolery, it's safe to say the Bocce Tournament has energized this group of young hopefuls. Innkeeper Edward Brown believes this year's crop of tossers may be the largest on record. Here's your weekly update, so you can seem informed around the watercooler, around the table at Flat Bread, or around that cutey from Two Brothers (remember: Avogadro's Number has been disconnected. Trade texts instead). *Deboccy* and *For Whom The Bell Tolls* have already lined up a tasty matchup in the Modernist bracket for a slot in the 4th round. They'll likely take on *Mac the Hatchet* there. *Boules of Engagement* has run roughshod through the Post-Post Modernist bracket, due largely to their You Hit 'Em High, I'll Hit 'Em Low approach. *Forever 21* has played more games than any other team in the Post-Modernist bracket; they're still alive and looking lively in their cute graphic tees and summery jumpers. Finally, *Bocce in the Time of Cholera* so far owns the Pre-Modern bracket as they've won a couple of close matches, including one on the final toss. Keep your eyes open for falling pallinos and try to keep those bocce balls in one piece. *Bien suerte, todos.*

Take A Screen Shot Of This Note

If you are signed up for the **New Digital Storytelling Workshop (Part 1: Library Conference Room, 7/12, 7-9 pm; Part 2: Library Conference Room, 7/13, 9-11 am)**, bring any or all of this equipment (if you have it): cell phone with camera; digital camera with connecting cables; video recorder and connecting cables; personal laptop (PC or Mac). Look for a future announcement from Shel Sax about the next two-part Digital Workshop.

NRA Meets R&G

Travis Farrell has offered a warning for those of you with acute hearing: **future rehearsals of *Hamlet* will feature blanks being fired in the Little Theater.** Naturally, they'll sound plenty real, but you need not panic.

Blue Parlor's The Fist Bump For Your Writing Ego

Only a few spots remain for this **Sunday's Blue Parlor at 7 pm**. Get on the board with John Oliver or Simon Brown. Not ready to drop your prose n' prosody on us? Cool. But certainly you'll come by to support, right?

Dare I Say, "En Fuego?"

Facilities really, really will **test the fire alarms in the Inn tomorrow during lunch at 1 pm**. They've been doing so around campus this morning, too, and lest we get into a Boy Who Cried Wolf feedback loop, let me remind you that *any alarms you hear after tomorrow you ought to treat seriously*. In related news: incense and candle burners, you're skating a thin line. Please keep those things unlit.

You Know You Like It, Trebek

Huge thanks and appreciation to the designers, executors, and participants of last night's **1st International Trivia Competition**. 75+ players were challenged by MC's "I Ripped My" Gene Campbell and Christian "General Wesley" Clarke over the course of five rounds. 18 teams vied for Trivial Dominance and Most Creative Team Name. *Crumb* bylaws and FCC regulations mean you'll have to discover that last on your own (but they did go home with beatific smiles and languid strides). Cheers to the ever-ready Edward Brown, MacNair Randall, and Karen Potter for helping make the entire event run smoothly and quickly. After negotiating all the pitfalls and cataracts of their trivial journey, a previously unheralded team took top honors. *Strippers and Thieves* are your 2012 Champs...at least until we can convince the Front Deskers to do this again. "Anything is possibbbbllllle!!!!!"

Tech Check

When's the last time you were on BreadNet? Tons of info waiting there or at BLTN's Twitter feed: <https://twitter.com/#!/BLTNTeachers/> Keep yourself plugged in and up to date.

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Events

Today:

DigiStories Wkshop	9 am
Yoga	10 am
Frost Picnic	6 pm
Grease	9 pm

Saturday:

Graffiti Party	9 pm
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Sunday:

Blue Parlor	7 pm
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Menu

Lunch (12:30): chicken and rice soup; white bean and artichoke gratin OR chicken fried steak with mushroom gravy; roasted garlic mashed potatoes; Pea's red and yellow peppers

Picnic (6:00): good tastin' picnic chow

Weather

Today: toasty	88/57
Saturday: sweaty	88/62
Sunday: a storm?	81/64

Friday the 13th happens 3 times this year, each 13 weeks apart from the last.

BLSOC Hosts The Dance This Saturday

Graffiti Party—A New Way to Write: Wear a white t-shirt or tank top; write on your own or write on another. When the lights go down, the black lights come on. The BLSOC is eager to share their favorites—ranging from hip-hop to reggaeton, compas to K-pop, and Bollywood to today's hits. P.S. Don't think you know how to boogie? **Come to the Barn at 8 pm Saturday for bachata and meringue lessons!** As ever, bring along an ID if you'd like a drink.

Write On Cue

Let's say you've already cranked out your hard-hitting investigation of Latin verb endings in Book VI of *Aeneid* (you'll have the field to yourself with that topic, tough guy). What single act can give the sucker a little extra oomph? **Talking it out with a peer reader at the Ken Macrorie Writing Center.** How to address the fact that you've got a smattering of sticky notes and a "pretty good idea of what Faulkner's on about"? A trip to the Writing Center should straighten you out and offer a chance to hone those thoughts. Head over to Davison Library's Conference Room, Ms. Got A Tuesday Deadline And Just A Smile To Show For It; you'll mellow in no time and start producing scintillating prose.

Swope's Flow

Such were his dulcet tones and crooning verve that Sam Swope's contributions to Trivia Night went unacknowledged in yesterday's *Crumb*. I just got lulled into thinking that's *exactly* how "Juicy" ought to sound. Many thanks, Sam, for classing up the joint.

Another Reason To Be Triskaidekaphobic

Today's the final day, seniors, to turn in your room requests and banquet numbers to **Victoria Brown**. How are you going to explain to Great Aunt Mildred that she needs to pack a brown bag supper and pitch a tent behind Gilmore? She's 84 for gods' sakes. Get on top of this one, fifth-year scholars.

Speak The Speech, I Pray You

If you're interested in using dramatic activities in your classroom and want to steal ideas from the pros, or just enjoy watching a play's performance take shape, or kind of have a thing for *Claudius & Co.*, remember that *Hamlet* rehearsals are open to the BL community. Feel

free to let yourself into the Little Theater during a lull in the actors' work; try to exit in the same way and save the fanfare for Fortinbras.

"The House of the Rising Sun" Band

Apparently, there are only four of you on campus who *haven't* seen a moose in the last week. Try to suppress your satisfied air, Ranger Rick. The *Crumb*'s Department of Wildlife Hotline has been lighting up with accounts drawn from near and nearer that tout this majestic beast or that scurilous varmint. For example, Ruth Miller swears she saw a grey fox on her drive down the Mountain Monday evening. A bit less rare would be the many deer reportedly foraging in the treeline below Tamarack. Sam Swope (earning a prized Double *Crumb* reference) has now seen as many moose in one viewing as the Parises have all summer. He and Paige Sweet tell of a Momma Moose and her two calves traipsing through the underbrush east on 125, just above Schoolhouse Road. That's where little Ella Farrell got her first glimpse of *Alces Alces*. One of her bedtime cruises turned into Animal Planet when the cherub giggled her greeting to Bullwinkle. And your *Crumb* Bum needed evasive maneuvers to avoid a raccoon the size of Old Yeller that leapt into 125 Wednesday evening. Keep a sharp eye, Loafers, and send any notices of noteworthy fauna to hinckerh@breadnet.middlebury.edu

If Music Be...

Looking for some live tuneage this weekend? Downtown Midd's Festival on the Green wraps up tomorrow evening, but not before you have a chance to catch three more acts. Tonight's double bill includes We're About 9—acoustic guitars play blues, pop, and coffeehouse rock—and The Grift—a band that self-describes as 'eclectic original music.' 7 and 8:30 pm are your respective start times. Saturday's finale is the Vermont Jazz Ensemble/Street Dance at 7 pm. Not a bad way to get yourself warmed up for the Graffiti Party, no?

Required Reading

Keep yourself current with contemporary fiction, poetry, and non-fiction by snagging a subscription to *New England Review*. Edited by Bread Loaf's own Stephen Donadio, the *Review* continually challenges and rewards your careful reading. With an enhanced web presence and the sponsorship of the Vermont Reading Series, the *Review's* commitment to literary excellence gives you varied means to feed your head. Subscription brochures at the Inn or www.nereview.com are your best bet to get yourself in the know.

Dare I Say, "En Fuego?"

Sun's hot, breeze is dead, sweat's dripping down your nose. Time for a dip. Have you scooted down to Middlebury Gorge? Over to our own streamlet behind the meadow facing the Inn? Some folks dig on Texas Falls (though swimming may not be an option there). Branbury State Park in Brandon gives you the waters of Lake Dunmore for a playground. And, although it's a practice decidedly frowned on by locals, if you've got a favorite swimming hole you'd like to share, BreadNet the *Crumb's* Office of Aquatic Recreation and we'll just keep it between you and me and the 270 of us on campus.

Hunger Games

This weekend might be the one that sees you branch out a bit and start looking for those Vermont dining experiences that the *Times* loves to peddle. Bar Antidote in Vergennes is a speak-easy done the Green Mountain way. The restaurant at 35 Green Street features upscale local pub fare and tapas-style treats. If you're going for the vintage farm to table meal, consider making a reservation at The Bobcat Café in Bristol. A gorgeous drive through the countryside on 116 North will deposit you in downtown, ready for the socially conscious American fare they serve there. It's a community endeavor, plus the Brew Master serves handcrafted beers that you'd do well to sample. Address is 5 Main Street and the digits for your (necessary) reservation are 802.453.8211.

Use The Space Below To Outline Your Long Paper Due In Two Weeks

Thesis: Larkin's poetry, like his biography, is full of sunshine and flowers.

Evidence #1: "This Be The Verse" Evidence #2: Anthony Thwaite's edition of the poet's letters

Evidence #3: Evidence #4:

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Today:

Bread Loaf FC 7 pm

Tuesday:

Yoga 5 pm

Ultimate Frisbee 7 pm

Wednesday:

Bread Loaf FC 7 pm

Digital Humanities 7:30 pm

Menu

Lunch (12:45): shoyu chicken thighs OR spicy sauteed chickpeas; bok choy; Spanish potato-onion soup; scallions & mushrooms

Dinner (6:00): red lentil daal OR pork vindaloo over basmati rice; cauliflower and broccoli

Weather

Today: humid 81/60

Tuesday: ugh 88/64

Wednesday: relief 75/50

Digital Humanities Panel Planned For Wednesday

Alison Byerly, recently Middlebury's Provost and Executive Vice President, and Charles Henry, former BL student, will present a talk on the digital humanities **this Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Barn**. If you've worked in this field or wish to learn more about the ways computers, multi-media platforms, and data analysis are changing the study of the human record, this one's for you. You'll hear what some cutting-edge digital humanities scholars are up to, and it's likely you'll generate some great ideas to take back to the classroom. **BL students and faculty who wish to share dinner with Ms. Byerly and Mr. Henry Wednesday evening may sign up on the sheet outside the Dining Hall.**

I'll Have A Mocha-Latte-Cino-Talent-Fest

Those jitters may just be your excitement over **Friday's Coffeehouse**, not the telltales of over-caffination. Should your fingers be twitching to play an instrument, your pulse racing at the thought of taking your comedic timing on stage, or your focus zeroing in on the dactylic hexameter of the Homer you memorized, sign up and be counted. **The "open enrollment" for this event will close tonight.** Thus, you must contact Calista, Michael, or Matt before midnight. You might also just place your name on the bulletin board in the Inn. Faculty and staff with heretofore unknown skills and abilities are likewise encouraged to take part.

I Got My Working Man's Ph.D

Aaron Tippin knows that life on the Mountain invariably ends and we all have to trade our student-selves for our professional-selves. Those of you who have chosen to teach in independent schools—or who are considering moving into this field—have a fantastic opportunity next week. **A representative from Carney, Sandoe & Associates, a teacher placement agency, will interview Bread Loafers Tuesday, 7/24.** A sign-up sheet will be tacked to the board in front of the Main Office. Reserve a thirty-minute slot between 9 am and 4:30 pm, then get cracking on revising your resume. Familiarizing yourself with how CS&A operates (bonus tip: it's free for job seekers) by taking a gander at their website also would serve you well.

Applause And Gratitude

Many thanks to the members of the BLSOC and all those who made Saturday's Graffiti Party such a fabulous event. Now, how do I remove

my new "tattoos"?

Sylvia Beach's Paris Landmark

Today's your last chance to pick up those books you asked Veronica to order, scholars. She's holding copies of The Al-Hamlet Summit and A Month in the Country. Because they're used, she needs to send the texts back *today* unless you come to claim them. So, Al-Bassam/Turgenev readers, hustle down to the Annex bookstore.

Give Me A Ticket For An Aeroplane

Derya Gurbuz ain't got time to take a fast train. **She needs your help traveling from the Mountain to Boston August 8th.** Because Derya's flight leaves the General Edward Lawrence Logan International Airport at 4:30, she's hoping to shove off here in the morning, say 9 or 10 am? Ever the gracious traveler, Derya's willing to share petrol costs and may even break into other Jefferson Airplane hits. Please contact over Bread Net to make plans.

Bill Bryson's Love Letter To The Appalachian Trail

MacNair's Saturday excursion is a real humdinger, ya'll. She's planned an easy/moderate hike to Snake Mountain. Ophidiophobics need not worry. The spectacular views across the Champlain Valley will keep your eyes trained on the vistas and not the sinuous slitherings for which the mountain got its name. It's really quite safe. So, put your name on the sheet at the Front Desk to reserve a spot in the van, or you might offer to help with transportation by opening up the seats in your hooptie. In all events, this one sounds like a winner.

Till Human Voices Wake Us

Luckily, none of us have Prufrock's problem. Yet and still, Loafers, please be attuned to the volume of your voices—especially when near dorm windows and academic buildings. Your help creating a community of scholarship and respect is appreciated—nay, required. Thank you for the work you've already done to this effect.

I Am Not Prince Hamlet, Nor Was Meant To Be

Nonetheless, you can see the Dane in a few weeks' time in our own Little Theater. Travis Farrell sends word to the *Crumb's* Ministry of Future Event Planning that you can reserve your tickets to *Hamlet* now. **Performances run each evening between Wednesday, August 1 and Sunday, August 5.** The Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble's show runs roughly two hours and forty minutes, after it kicks off at 8 pm. Reserving your ticket doesn't mean you have to plunk any cash down—the show's free to all BL students, faculty, and staff—but it does give you pole position in the Race to Maximize Your Theater Experience. Many people choose to see the show more than once, especially those of us who get to write papers on the thing. That's fine, but should your plans to see a certain show change, please do turn the tickets back in to the Front Desk. **Travis will begin taking your reservations today. Fill out the order form in your mailbox and return it to his.** It's that easy.

Billy Shakes, Take Two

If, like a certain *Crumb* Bum, you can't get enough of this stuff and wish to see a totally different Shakespeare play this summer, you may be interested in *The Adventures of Antony and Cleopatra*, directed by Deb Gwinn. The show's part of the 16th season of Shakespeare in the Barn at Mary's at Baldwin Creek on Route 116 in Bristol. The second run of this not-entirely serious take on the Bard lasts **Thursday through Sunday, 7/19-7/22.** Admission is \$10 and reservations can be made by calling 802.989.7226. You can eat dinner at Mary's, too. Dial 802.453.2432.

Theatrical Triple

Whether you're the mystery reader who ordered A Month in the Country from our bookstore or simply a faculty member, staff person, or student intrigued by Turgenev, **contact Professor Katz over BreadNet** and claim one of the five remaining tickets to see the play. The Williamstown Theater Festival will debut a new translation of the drama by Richard Pevear, Larissa Volokhonsky (recent War and Peace students remember these translators), and Tony Award winner Richard Nelson. **The group will leave campus at 10 am Saturday, August 4 and return that evening by 7 pm.**

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Yoga	5 pm
Ultimate Frisbee	7 pm

Wednesday:

Bread Loaf FC	7 pm
Digital Humanities	7:30 pm

Thursday:

Singing Group	5 pm
Yoga	5 pm
BLTN Mtg.	7 pm
Pond Reading	9 pm

Menu

Lunch (12:45): grilled reuben on rye OR veggie reuben on focaccia; fries

Dinner (6:00): eggplant stacks OR chicken saltimbocca; Brussels sprouts; rice pilaf

Weather

Today: storms	87/62
Wednesday: clouds	78/53
Thursday: ahh	73/46

Connecting Bread Loaf, Classrooms, & Digital Literacies

Thursday, 7/19, 7-8:30 pm, Barn 1

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Feast Of The Loafing Philosophers

Make your next lunch a little more *Symposium* and a little less Bartleby at work. Well, minus the wine and the drunken Alcibiades ramblings, anyway. Change up your routine and invite someone new to take repast with you. Sit at the long window table and strike up a conversation with someone there (possible topics: nature of love, hiccups, the bat that got stuck in the Barn Sunday night—you know, heady stuff). Varying habits and new meal partners, assiduous *Crumb* readers and *Science* enthusiasts will recall, earns you 20% greater writing effectiveness. Ball's in your court, Eryximachus.

What Is The Good?

Jim Sabin writes to the *Crumb* Office of Professional Development and Noteworthy Events with this message about his **workshop at 10 am this Friday in Barn 6**: "On Friday morning I'll be conducting a workshop on teaching ethics in high school and middle school. My experience with the ethics course at Harvard Medical School convinces me that ethics offers superb opportunities to engage students and strengthen reasoning capacities. I'll impart some pointers I've gleaned, but we'll concentrate on the practical questions of whether and how ethics can be a part of teaching English. If the group wishes, we'll discuss the ethics of teaching as well as the teaching of ethics." Check out the chiasmus on display there, friends? This event's sure to serve up plenty of useful insight.

I'm On A Boat

Seniors: please sign up with Elaine Lathrop to attend **August 8th's T-Pain-approved Senior Cruise on Lake Champlain at 1:30 pm**.

21st Century Humanism

Scores, passels, hordes, and handfuls of you have spoken with excitement about Alison Byerly and Charles Henry's **Digital Humanities Panel tomorrow at 7:30 pm in the Barn**. Dr. Henry is the President of the Council on Library and Information Resources in Washington. His organization recently published an NEH research project that might whet your appetite for Wednesday's panel. Find it here: www.clir.org/pubs/reports/pub151 Dr. Byerly has lectured widely on digital humanities, curricular innovation, and social media; you may have seen her do so at recent MLA conferences. Together, these scholars will surely provide grist for your classroom, journal, or professional interests. This one's certainly not to be missed.

Rappers' Delight

Keith Murray (one of Def Jam's Def Squad's original members, alongside Redman and Erick Sermon) plays Higher Ground in Burlington **next Thursday, 7/26, at 8:30 pm**. A group's forming to ride up for the show, which features BURNtmd and a collection of local hip-hop heavyweights, and you're invited to come along. Tickets will run you \$12 ahead of time and \$15 at the door, but why not book it early with Calista Kelly? Contact her over BreadNet and then look forward to hearing one of the titans of 90's NYC sound.

Another 48 Hours

Unacknowledged legislators of the world, your time runs short! The Robert Haiduke Poetry Contest was established many years ago as an opportunity for Bread Loaf students to obtain recognition for their original poetry. It is a multi-campus competition with **one deadline for submission, Thursday, 7/19**. To enter submit one or two poems (maximum 40 lines each) by e-mail to Karen Browne on BreadNet. The winner(s) will receive a substantial cash prize and the winning poems will be published and distributed at all Bread Loaf campuses and published on the Bread Loaf website. **Please note that by entering the contest you give permission for your poems to be printed and distributed.**

House Of Tutor

Time's running short for those with a Turgenev jones; there's only *one* ticket left to the Williamstown Theater Festival's *A Month in the Country*. Hustle up and BreadNet Professor Michael Katz and claim the prize (makes you feel a bit Charlie to his Willie Wonka, no?) **The traveling group will leave campus at 10 am Saturday, August 4 and return that evening by 7 pm.**

The Play's The Thing

Keep those ticket requests coming to Travis Ferrell. **Hamlet** opens Wednesday, August 1 and runs through Sunday, August 5. The Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble's show runs two hours and forty minutes, after it kicks off at 8 pm. The show's free to all BL students, faculty, and staff, and it quickly sells out once tickets are made available to the wider public. **Fill out the order form in your mailbox and return it to Travis.**

Did You Hear The One About Trigorin & Nina?

This space has become Drama Central, and I like it. Hear this, Russian drama lovers and likeminded Loafers: On **Friday, 7/27 at 2 pm in Barn 1** members of this summer's Chekhov course will present a staged reading of Boris Akunin's witty parody of Chekhov's *The Seagull*. The original, you will recall, ends with the announcement that the aspiring young writer has shot himself. Akunin's version opens with the news that Konstantin is in fact dead, but not by his own hand: he has been murdered. The doctor (there's always doctor in Dr. Chekhov's plays) then assembles all the characters of *The Seagull* in the drawing room and conducts an Agatha-Christie-style interrogation until he uncovers the culprit. Please come and be slyly amused.

Thursdays Are For Relaxing

The residents of Larch will host this Thursday's Pond Reading and they've got a doozy planned for you. A Mystery Faculty Reader Surprise is planned that'll leave you gobsmacked, thunderstruck, amazed, and astounded. **See you at John's Pond at 9 pm.**

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BLTN Mtg. 7 pm
Pond Reading 9 pm

Friday:

Ethics Panel 10 am
Nat'r'l History Walk 10 am
All School Picnic 6 pm
Coffeehouse 7:30 pm
Food, Inc. 9 pm

Menu

Lunch (12:45): cioppino w/
cod, mussels, shrimp OR
portabella mushrooms

Dinner (6:00): mushroom
ragu OR beef (don't call me
Ron) Burgundy

Weather

Today: p. cloudy 81/52
Thursday: very nice 76/48

Pause Your iPod, Turn Off The Phone, & Go Digital Tonight

Alison Byerly and Charles Henry's **Digital Humanities Panel** tonight at **7:30 pm in the Barn** ought to provide significant charging of your intellectual battery. With long histories of work in the field of digital humanities, the presenters promise to entertain, to instruct, and to challenge your thinking about the ways the new information and communication technologies can help us better understand the human experience. **Sign up to share dinner with Drs. Byerly and Henry** during which time you'll be able to hear innovative analytic methods to use in your own classes. Dr. Henry is the President of the Council on Library and Information Resources in Washington. The CLIR's website contains reams of intriguing information and research: www.clir.org Dr. Byerly, whom many Middlebury grads know as their Provost, has lectured widely on digital humanities and social media; you may have seen her do so at recent MLA conferences. **A reception in Treman will follow the panel** to which all BL students and faculty are invited.

An Early Morning Walk Is A Blessing For The Whole Day

Professor John Elder will lead a walking group **Friday morning at 10 am** to discover the **Natural History of Bread Loaf**. Like Jefferson at Natural Bridge, you'll be treated to items in the flora, fauna, and fossil record. **The interactive tour begins on the Robert Frost Interpretive Trail** at the aforementioned time. Many participants will gather at 9:30 on the Inn porch and walk down together. Those who wish may ride in the shuttle that departs at 9:40. Please wear comfortable shoes, bring a water bottle, and expect to return just before lunch—around noon.

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Teaching Ethics To Teens

Dr. Jim Sabin, Clinical Professor of Population Medicine and Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and Director of the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Ethics Program has this to say about his **workshop at 10 am this Friday in Barn 6**: "On Friday morning I'll be conducting a workshop on teaching ethics in high school and middle school. My experience with the ethics course at Harvard Medical School convinces me that ethics offers superb opportunities to engage students and strengthen reasoning capacities. I'll impart some pointers I've gleaned, but we'll concentrate on the practical questions of whether and how ethics can be a part of teaching English. If the group wishes, we'll discuss the ethics of teaching as well as the teaching of ethics." You can't really ask for better professional development as a classroom teacher, Loafer. See you Friday morning.

These Indeed Seem, For They Are Actions That A Man Might Play

Learn the difference between the *appearance* of attending this summer's show and *being* at this summer's show. Keep those ticket requests coming to Travis Ferrell. **Hamlet** opens Wednesday, August 1 and runs through Sunday, August 5. The show's free to all BL students, faculty, and staff, and it quickly sells out once tickets are made available to the wider public. Friday's your last day to stand at the head of the queue. **Fill out the order form in your mailbox and return it to Travis stat.**

Take This Job And...

Supposing you're an independent school teacher and you're ready to pursue other professional opportunities, schedule an interview next week with Carney, Sandoe & Associates, an industry leader in teacher placement. **CS&A's rep will be on campus next Tuesday, 7/24 to discuss your job search options.** Bringing an updated resume's a fine idea, but not mandatory. Sign up on the board in front of Main Office; slots are going quickly.

Well Loved He Garleek, Oynons, And Eek Lekes

Weekend planners, take note. Friday's beautiful weather will dovetail quite nicely with the **All School Picnic at 6 pm on the West Lawn**. Chef Darren and his staff will cook up sumptuous grilled fare, and you'll bask in the sun reciting Chaucer to the adoring droves. This is a community-wide event, so please bring partners, families, and spouses. After you eat, drink, and make merry walk over to the Barn for

Bread Loaf Coffeehouse 2012

Come early to grab a cuppa joe and the comfy seats for this BL institution. With a lineup that includes talented acts of great pith and moment, **Friday's 7:30 pm Coffeehouse** surely shall delight. It'll make you laugh, tap your foot in time, and murmur approvingly—probably not all at once, though. Support your classmates, friends, and members of the wider BL fam as they take their talents to our version of South Beach. If you've still got a yen for Friday Fun Time, stick around after the Coffeehouse closes down and watch

Food, Inc.

This documentary looks at America's corporate controlled food production industry. Michael Pollan (*Omnivore's Dilemma* and *Botany of Desire*) and Erich Schlosser (*Fast Food Nation*) star and drive this film, which Robert Kenner directs. Tagline is: You'll never look at dinner the same way again. Best not to bring the treasure from your Mickey D's run to this screening. **Movie starts at 9 pm in the Barn.**

The Truest Poetry Is The Most Feigning

Blue Parlor stalwarts and erstwhile silent scribblers, take a cue from Marshall Mathers and recognize you only get one shot. The Robert Haiduke Poetry Contest was established many years ago as an opportunity for Bread Loaf students to obtain recognition for their original poetry. It is a multi-campus competition with **one deadline for submission, tomorrow: Thursday, 7/19**. To enter submit one or two poems (maximum 40 lines each) by e-mail to Karen Browne on BreadNet. The winner(s) will receive a substantial cash prize and the winning poems will be published and distributed at all Bread Loaf campuses and published on the Bread Loaf website. Please note that by **entering the contest you give permission for your poems to be printed and distributed.**

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Today:

Singing Group	5 pm
Yoga	5 pm
BLTN Mtg.	7 pm
Pond Reading	9 pm

Friday:

Ethics Panel	10 am
Nat'r'l History Walk	10 am
All School Picnic	6 pm
Coffeehouse	7:30 pm
Food, Inc.	9 pm

Saturday:

Dance	9 pm
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Menu

Lunch (12:45): black bean burgers OR chicken wings; corn chowda

Dinner (6:00): cheese raviolis with meat sauce OR with carrot sauce; asiago cheese

Weather

Today: idyllic	73/47
Friday: bucolic	76/47
Saturday: pastoral	80/54

Connecting Bread Loaf, Classrooms, & Digital Literacies

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These Boots Are Made For...

Nancy Sinatra (or Jessica Simpson, for those of you with slightly more recent birthdays) would leap at the chance to take a stroll with Professor John Elder. He'll lead **tomorrow morning's Natural History of Bread Loaf Walk at the Robert Frost Interpretive Trail.** John writes to the *Crumb's* Department of Pine, Schist, and Moose with the following 411 for the walk. The group will have four central goals: to learn the names of local trees and flowers, to survey Vermont's geology and the "disturbance history" that accounts for the forest's character, to reflect on the Frost poetry scattered around the Trail, to have fun together in a lovely setting. Those who wish may ride in the shuttle that departs from the Inn at 9:40. Others may gather a tad earlier and walk down 125 to the trailhead. **Walk begins at 10 am.** Please wear comfortable shoes, bring a water bottle, and expect to return just before lunch—around noon.

Be Excellent To Each Other

Dr. Jim Sabin, Clinical Professor of Population Medicine and Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and Director of the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Ethics Program hopes you'll attend his **workshop at 10 am tomorrow in Barn 6:** "On Friday morning I'll be conducting a workshop on teaching ethics in high school and middle school. My experience with the ethics course at Harvard Medical School convinces me that ethics offers superb opportunities to engage students and strengthen reasoning capacities. We'll concentrate on the practical questions of whether and how ethics can be a part of teaching English. If the group wishes, we'll discuss the ethics of teaching as well as the teaching of ethics." Wyld Stallyns couldn't drag me away from this.

Life After Loaf

This summer's featured speaker for Alumni Night is a heavy-hitter. **Monday evening at 7:30 pm in the Barn**, please come to hear **Jennifer K. Brown**, a lyrical storyteller, passionate health care servant, and dedicated global outreach professional, speak about her experiences with **Partners In Health**. Following her Bread Loaf degree and a career in the financial service industry, Ms. Brown teamed up with Dr. Paul Farmer (subject of Tracy Kidder's *Mountains Beyond Mountains*) and others at PIH, "a global health organization relentlessly committed to improving the health of the poor and marginalized. PIH works in ten countries, including Haiti, Rwanda, Peru, Russia, and the U.S.," and delivers 94% of the funds they raise directly to those most in need (pih.org). Ms. Brown is the Chief Engagement Officer at PIH and will shed light on her work and the challenges facing health care operators in poor and underserved areas of the world. **Sign up on the Dining Hall bulletin board to share dinner Monday with Ms. Brown.** Snag a copy of *Mountains Beyond Mountains* in the Annex Bookstore to peruse this weekend.

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Tomorrow's Coffehouse will leave the docks and cruise at **7:30 pm in the Barn**. Your Captain and MC for the evening is Caroline Gambell, famous for both M'ing and C'ing throughout the five boroughs and most of the Canadian provinces. She'll ably navigate the comedy acts, luff the sails during quieter poetry acts, and keep your Friday on course with aplomb. Come out to support your friends and classmates, to sample the yummy flavored coffees, and to take a load off on a Friday night in the Green Mountains.

I'll Have The #1 Meal With Biggie Fries And A 64 Ounce Cola

This documentary looks at America's corporate controlled food production industry. Michael Pollan (*Omnivore's Dilemma* and *Botany of Desire*) and Erich Schlosser (*Fast Food Nation*) star and drive this film, which Robert Kenner directs. You might find your eating habits altered by the viewing. **Friday's movie starts at 9 pm in the Barn**.

Let's Do The Time Warp Again

Nah, it's not a *Rocky Horror* sing-along (although that notion may pick up some late-night steam later). Instead, it's **Saturday's Dance Extravaganza**: a heapin' helpin' of your favorite hits that span the **Motown, soul, funk, disco, and contemporary** eras. Here's the idea. "Ale-" Xander "the Great" Manshel will helm the turntables (or his iPod, but whatevs) and play tunes from Berry Gordy's wheelhouse to Earth, Wind, and Fire to the Bee Gees and everything in between. Later in the evening, Christian Clarke "Kent" will step up and hit you with house, hip-hop, and club sounds from today. Costumes, you say? Luckily, the *Crumb's* Office of Disguise, Couture, & Haberdashery has learned that outfits from the late 50's through late 70's are *de rigueur* for this evening. Surprise us with your styles upon styles. **Dancing begins at 9 pm in the Barn** (likely earlier in some dorms). Be sure to tuck an ID somewhere in your outfit (location: TBD) if you'd like a cold drink.

The Sixth Sense's Tagline

After Saturday evening's drama, consider seeing an *intentionally* dramatic work as it takes shape according to your feedback. Ruth Miller will present a reading of her two-act play **"The Lives of Dead People" on Sunday morning at 10:30 am in Barn A**. Ruth hopes to chat with all interested parties after the show's conclusion and sound out your constructive comments. So, you get an entertaining morning provided by a fellow Loafer and she gets to hone the piece she's worked on for months. Win-win, really.

You Talkin' To Me? You Talkin' To Me?

Hey, when was the last time you were on BreadNet to check your email? Professors, staff (including a *Crumbly* writer), and your classmates have reported difficulty contacting some of you over the interwebs. The Mountain's not entirely given to Cloud Computing, but BreadNet is our brain. The Conferences folder has tons of information to sift through, though it's the email that helps us communicate quickly.

Sound Tribe

Residents of the Inn, Larch, and late night walkers: *Hamlet* rehearsals will feature screams and gunshots during evening hours. Come to the show (8/1-8/5) to see what all the fuss is about—but only if you get ticket requests to Travis ASAP. The entire run of shows will sell out tomorrow when he opens tix to the wider public.

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Events

Today:

All School Picnic 6 pm

Coffeehouse 7:30 pm

Food, Inc. 9 pm

Saturday:

Dance 9 pm

Sunday:

Staged Reading 10:30 am

Blue Parlor 7 pm

Monday:

Jennifer Brown 7:30 pm

Menu

Lunch (12:30): mexi-pizza; southwestern chicken; corn & pepper sauté

Dinner (6:00): vegan riblets; burgers; grilled chicken; pork ribs; slaw; potato salad

Weather

Today: breezes 76/44

Saturday: sunny 79/50

Sunday: stormitos 81/60

Escape To Snake Mountain

MacNair Randall sends this message to her admiring legions of perambulators, strollers, and general excursionists: "All Snake Mountain hikers! **Saturday's excursion will leave from the front porch of the Inn at 1:30 pm** and will have us back by dinner. **The hike to Snake Mountain** is a little shorter than the Silver Lake hike and about the same in difficulty--**easy to moderate**. You will need sunscreen plus water, and bring your swim suit and towel for a quick dip in a favorite water feature on the ride home. It will be a wonderful outing--the views from the top are absolutely breathtaking. Many have said it is the most beautiful view in Vermont. Hope to see you Saturday, but whatever you do may it be delightful!"

Monday's Main Event

You'll want to hear what one of our own has been up to since leaving the Loaf. **Monday evening at 7:30 pm in Barn 1**, please come to hear **Jennifer K. Brown**, a passionate health care servant and global outreach professional, speak about her experiences with **Partners In Health**. Following a career in the financial service industry, Ms. Brown teamed up with Dr. Paul Farmer (subject of Tracy Kidder's *Mountains Beyond Mountains*) and others at PIH, "a global health organization relentlessly committed to improving the health of the poor and marginalized" (pih.org). Ms. Brown is the Chief Engagement Officer at PIH and will shed light on her work and the challenges facing health care operators in poor and underserved areas of the world. **Sign up on the Dining Hall bulletin board to share dinner Monday with Ms. Brown.** Snag a copy of *Mountains Beyond Mountains* in the Annex Bookstore before the talk.

Friday Festivities

Wow. You've got it all going on tonight: **All School Picnic under sunny skies at 6 pm**, **BL Coffeehouse at 7:30 pm**, then a look at **Food, Inc. at 9 pm**. Quite a little lineup of weekend fun, and you have two more days to write, read, rest, and recuperate before we enter the back stretch. So, head over to the West Lawn and mingle. Make a point to cheer on and enjoy your friends' talents in the Barn. The weekend is upon us.

Everyone's A Critic

Ruth Miller wants to hear from *you*, Theater Critic In Training. She's

previewing her two-act play, "The Lives of Dead People" this Sunday morning at 10:30 am in Barn A. This staged reading boasts an ensemble of outstanding student actors and is directed by Mary "I've Spared No Ex" Spence. Ruth wants to engage the audience after the show's conclusion; she'd like to hear your immediate feedback and to polish the play based on your responses. When else have you had this kind of collaborative theater-going experience?

Das Quiz Nacht Returns

After the healthy turnout and good vibes from last week, "Blue" Gene "Baby" Campbell and Christian Clark "of the Covenant" will reprise their roles as Masters of Trivia. They'll fire up the Small Detail and Forgotten Wisdom Machine to create a second evening of quizzical fun. The *seventy-five* of you who attended last Trivia Night know the drill, but C² hope to see lots of new faces **next Wednesday at 9 pm**. Teams of four, witty team names, random knowledge, good times.

Clapton Album Released Between *Backless* And *Money And Cigarettes*

Hamlet tickets are rapidly running out. Wednesday's Opening Night (8/1) is already sold out, while both Saturday and Sunday only have a baker's dozen left. Hope you're making your plans and submitting your druthers to Travis Farrell's mailbox *today*. Once the public snaps up the remaining seats, Travis, "like a neutral to his will and matter," can do nothing for you. Same subject, oblique angle: the **Front Desk is now Central Ticket Exchange**. Please leave any tix you won't need with the staff there or stop in and see whether a fellow Loafer has dropped off an unneeded tic for the evening you want.

Just Take Those Old Records Off The Shelf

You'll not need to listen to any music by yourself tomorrow night. Loafers like you will hear **cuts from the Motown, soul, funk, disco, and contemporary eras** at Saturday's Soiree. XanDer "rida trumps Paul de Man" shel spins for the first act. Later, Christian "Science Monitor" Clarke will play house, hip-hop, and club tunes. Array yourself in outfits from the late 50's through late 70's. Should be easy to find platform shoes in central Vermont... **Dancing begins at 9 pm in the Barn** (likely earlier in some dorms). If you care for any of Otter Creek's finest, pack your ID in a pocket.

Augusta: Masters::Ripton: Charlie Orr

You've melted in the reflected heat from 125 as you rip by the Printer's Cabin on a quick four-miler. Early morning shivers give way to the comfortable sweat of a Tuesday Long Run. Or perhaps you lace up your sneaks each day for birding and meditation. What can be the capstone for a summer of locomotive training? **The Charlie Orr 5K Run/Walk/Meander 9 am Saturday, 8/4, at John's Pond**. The course will take you up and around the Frost Trail before returning you to the scene of summer campfires. The Orr is a 28-year ritual honoring a Loafer from the class of '84 who died suddenly that year. A generous man with a get-involved mentality, Charlie Orr would've loved for athletes at every stage of fitness to enjoy a sunny, summery morning jaunt together. So, come out in two weeks to step into a grand tradition.

I Am Certain Of Nothing But The Truth Of Imagination

John "Duck the Hisk" Oliver and Simon "Busted Wheel" Brown welcome you to **Sunday's Blue Parlor at 7 pm** with open arms, soothing words, and promises of poetry and prose to fire your imagination. Blue Parlors give you the best chance to hear what your colleagues and friends have been writing this summer. The gents boast a balance of funny, poignant, and experimental works in this weekend's edition of the student reading series. Maybe it's time for you to stop in and see what the thing's all about?

Stay Connected

Debbie Alcorn writes with helpful information about keeping in touch with Bread Loaf during the cooler months. Two video tutorials aid you in forwarding BreadNet email to a personal account. Have the latest version of First Class? Go here: www.screencast.com/t/6WfzwtVOYKD/ Late model First Classers, try this: www.screencast.com/users/MsAlcorn/folders/Jing/media/cdb6eaf0-661a-4286-88d2-d6a71da46997/ You can look for Debbie in the Apple Cellar Friday and Saturday evenings after dinner should you need a bit of coaching in using a wiki or completing a digital project. All that expertise gratis? Ain't BL grand?

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Bread Loaf FC 7 pm
Jennifer Brown 7:30 pm

Tuesday:

Singing Group 5 pm
Yoga 5 pm
Ultimate Frisbee 7 pm
BLSOC Mtg. 7:30 pm

Wednesday:

Directors' Reception 5 pm
Bread Loaf FC 7 pm
Trivia Night 9 pm

Menu

Lunch (12:45): veggie wrap
OR roast beef wrap; sweet
potato fries

Dinner (6:00): falafel with
ziki sauce OR roasted lamb
(who made thee?); zucchini
& summer squash sauté;
basmati rice

Weather

Today: pm storm? 82/63
Tuesday: cool off 75/51
Wednesday: bullseye 74/53

Welcome Back To The Mountain

Some of you may have traveled away for the weekend and missed the notice about this evening's Alumni Night speaker. Please come to hear **Jennifer K. Brown**, a passionate health care servant and global outreach professional, speak about her experiences with **Partners In Health** tonight at 7:30 pm in Barn 1. Following a career in the financial service industry, Ms. Brown teamed with Dr. Paul Farmer (subject of Tracy Kidder's *Mountains Beyond Mountains*) and others at PIH, "a global health organization relentlessly committed to improving the health of the poor and marginalized" (pih.org). Ms. Brown is the Chief Engagement Officer at PIH and will shed light on her work and the challenges facing health care operators in poor and underserved areas of the world. Just try to surf around the PIH website and *not* come to hear more of these singularly impressive stories from someone who has lived them. **Sign up on the Dining Hall bulletin board to share dinner with Ms. Brown.** You can find *Mountains Beyond Mountains* in the Annex Bookstore before the talk if you'd like to read more of the prequel to PIH's formation.

Pickup Artist

Not that we'd ever air your dirty laundry, but some of you are pretty adept at this sort of thing. Want one more weapon in your arsenal? How about a Bread Loaf t-shirt in your chosen size and hue? Calista will have this year's BL shirts ready for pickup tomorrow at 12:15 pm. You may also grab your pre-ordered shirts just after lunch, beginning at 1:30 pm. It seems a handful still owe coin for the cotton, so please remember to bring your cash (or a check made out to Middlebury College) when you find Calista on the Front Porch of the Inn.

Id In Sight

Freud would have a field day with this Saturday's dance. It's the venerable (though slightly, *ahem*, saucy) **Suppressed Desires** celebration. The music will be designed to get you moving. The attire...well, let's just say you could get emotionally invested. Prizes will be awarded for Best Overall Costume and Best Ensemble Idea. Years past have seen the Seven Deadly Sins, Circus Strongmen, Mewling Babies, and lots and lots of duct tape. Jane Austen, Gatsby, various faculty members, and a One Night Stand have all made appearances. So, head down to the secondhand stores (or hardware shop or vacuum supply warehouse) and get what you need to begin

the group therapy. An event sponsored by the Senior Class and Waitstaff? This one's going to be a blast.

Education And Equity Panel

We move from the subconscious to the serious. Dr. Jason Irizarry, assistant professor of multicultural education at the Neag School of Education at University of Connecticut, and Bread Loaf's own Dr. David Kirkland, associate professor of Writing, Rhetoric, and American Cultures, English, and African and African-American Studies at Michigan State University, will present a panel on Education and Equity this Thursday evening at 7 pm in Barn 1. Each gentleman will present his research findings and speak to the issue at hand, then Django Paris will moderate a discussion of the same. Look for Dr. Irizarry's *The Latinization of U.S. Schools: Successful Teaching and Learning in Shifting Cultural Contexts* in the Annex Bookstore. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Inn to share dinner with Drs. Irizarry and Kirkland.

Who Dorn It?

On Friday, 7/27 at 2 pm in Barn 1 members of this summer's Chekhov course will present a staged reading of Boris Akunin's witty parody of Chekhov's *The Seagull*. The original, you will recall, ends with the announcement that the aspiring young writer has shot himself. Akunin's version opens with the news that Konstantin is in fact dead, but not by his own hand: he has been murdered. The doctor (there's always doctor in Dr. Chekhov's plays) then assembles all the characters of *The Seagull* in the drawing room and conducts an Agatha-Christie-style interrogation until he uncovers the culprit. Please come and be slyly amused by this murder-mystery.

Greetings And Salutations

Please welcome Richie Meyers, a member of the Ogala Sioux tribe who graduated from Bread Loaf in 2004, received his Ph.D from Arizona State, and went on to work at the Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian, and later the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington. This fall he will be Director of American Indian Studies at South Dakota State University and Director of Tribal Relations. Richie will visit campus today and tomorrow.

Animal House

Alright, now you're just rubbing it in. Anna Steim and Ali Kittle, normally trustworthy and humble each, write this report for the *Crumb's* Office of Vermont Varmintology: "We saw a raccoon, two moose, and then two foxes on 125 last night. The raccoon was riding in the first moose's antlers to escape the chasing foxes, who seemed dead-set on settling an old score. The second moose surfed in on roller skates to scatter the assailants." *Then, the next day*, Ali saw a loon (assume it's the bird and not mere currency), a fisher (might've been just a regular weasel) and a third moose who were, here I must again quote, "chillin' in the river by East Midd during the afternoon!" Maybe sending BreadNet messages after a dance isn't the best idea after all. Nonetheless, keep your eyes open (really) for bears, et. al. and pass those stories on to hinckerh@breadnet.middlebury.edu

They Are The Abstract And Brief Chronicles Of The Time

Well, now you've done it. You promised your spouse/partner/significant other/parents/children/postman/elementary school teacher that you'd get tickets to *Hamlet*. **And now every show is Sold Out.** Little egg on your face, buckaroo? Rely on the kindness of your fellow Loafers, loafer. You can still send Travis Farrell a note asking to be placed on a waiting list for your preferred night. Or you could silently stalk the Front Desk area, waiting for generous BL folks to turn in any unwanted tickets. Which leads us to a plea directed at last week's Bear-ish ticket investors: **Please turn in any extra *Hamlet* tix so your friends and colleagues can attend the show.**

Looking Ahead

Trivia Night returns this Wednesday at 9 pm in the Barn, when Christian and Gene will reprise their Alex Trebek impressions (each non-English term must be spoken with the highest degree of condescension) and test the limits your collective brainspace and detail recall. **Mike Wheeler's band** (yep, *that* Mike Wheeler in class with you) **hits the Barn this Thursday from 8:30—10:30 pm** and, Russell, the guitar sound is incendiary. Goldtown plays bluegrass, some old-time hootin' and hollerin' stuff, and a little jazz. But it's been a year since we last saw them, so mayhap they'll surprise us with a brand new sound. Better come out to find out.

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The Crumb

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Events

Today:

Singing Group	5 pm
Yoga	5 pm
Ultimate Frisbee	7 pm
BLSOC Mtg.	7:30 pm

Wednesday:

Directors' Reception	5 pm
Bread Loaf FC	7 pm
Trivia Night	9 pm
Thursday:	

Menu

Lunch (12:45): spanakopita
OR greek chicken; antipasta;
orzo (*not ouzo*)

Dinner (6:00): veggie
shepherd's pie OR fried
chicken; mashed taters

Weather

Today: 's alright	75/50
Wednesday: super	75/54
Thursday: storms	71/59

One Speech In't I Chiefly Loved

Old Plan: I'll just wait around and snag a ticket to that Shakes-thing whenever I feel like it 'cause, you know, it's not even August yet.

Result: You cry yourself to sleep each night with iambic pentameter echoing through your cold, empty dorm room. Nice work.

New Plan: I'll leap at the next chance to see *Hamlet*, no matter time nor place, in thunder, lightning, or in rain (those ladies are in *all* his plays, right?).

Result: You discover an incredibly nuanced connection between Hamlet's metaphorizing of self and the entrapment motif that generations of Shakespeare scholars have missed, write an essay on same that becomes the germ of your doctoral dissertation, publish your groundbreaking work to world acclaim, and buy an island lair on which you'll live out your days, Larry Ellison-style.

Brian and Travis announce a special preview of *Hamlet* to take place Tuesday, July 31 at 8 pm. You do not need a ticket or a reservation as this full dress rehearsal is first come, first seated. The added preview is especially useful for students who will write about the play, allowing them to view the show early and then—perhaps—exchange their second night ticket with another theater-goer. In all events, this extra show should offer everyone—even those of you who promise “nice things” to Travis in exchange for tix—the opportunity to Ham to your heart's content. Don't end up crying alone in your room.

What Do You Pair With Paprika?

Calista will have this year's BL shirts ready for pickup today at 12:15 pm. You may also grab your pre-ordered shirts just after lunch, beginning at 1:30 pm. It seems a handful still owe, so please remember to bring your cash (or a check made out to Middlebury College) when you find Calista on the Front Porch of the Inn.

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Who Was The First U.S. President Born In A Hospital?

All you peanut farmers got that one easily, right? **Trivia Night returns tomorrow at 9 pm in the Barn** for any and all comers to test their mettle against "Mapping The Human" Gene "ome" Campbell and Christian "strap" Clarke, your questioners and friends. An entirely new slate of Mystery Celebrity Readers has been set and dozens of challenging stumpers are ready for your evening's enjoyment. Please bring three teammates and a few pencils; the Trivia Guys will do the rest.

Welcome, All, Yes, Welcome, Good Friends

Please welcome Navajo Nation Vice President Rex Lee Jim (BL '01), Superintendent of Education Andrew Tah, and Vernice Morgan, Administrative Assistant, who will visit Bread Loaf July 24—July 26. VP Jim, poet and Blessing Way singer, is an international advocate for the rights of indigenous peoples. He is a member of the BLTN Advisory Board.

Major Announcement

Karen Cator, Director of the Office of Educational Technology at the U.S. Department of Education is coming to Bread Loaf **Monday, July 30 to kick off Connected Educator Month**. Bread Loaf is delighted to participate in Connected Educator Month, which offers members of this community opportunities to connect with peers around the country and the world. Please come to **Karen Cator's talk Monday in Barn 1 at 7:30 pm: "Connected Teaching and Learning."** All BL'ers welcome.

Mally G Wants You There

Keith Murray (one of Def Jam's Def Squad's original members, alongside Redman and Erick Sermon) plays Higher Ground in Burlington **this Thursday at 8:30 pm**. A group's forming to ride up for the show, which features BURN'TMD and a collection of local hip-hop heavyweights, and you're invited to come along. Tickets will run you \$12 ahead of time and \$15 at the door. Contact Calista Kelly over BreadNet to get in on the action.

Chicken Dinner

Join the entire BL community in **congratulating this summer's creative writing contest winners**. Many thanks to all authors who submitted work.

Fiction Prize:

Iracema Drew (NC)

"Asas Brancas"

Robert Haiduke Poetry Prize:

1st Prize: Olivia Ciacci (NC)

"Noah's Wife"

2nd Prize: Jennifer Greene (NC)

"Was"

3rd Prize: Lucas Gonzalez (NC)

"Traitor Trash"

Honorable Mentions:

Ben Courchesne (VT)

"Captain Goes Down with the Ship"

Joshua Schenck (OX)

"Hermit Crab: A Pantoum"

Ariel Voorhees (VT)

"Scooter, Rio Bravo Cantina, Nashville"

Greetings

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Events

Today:

Directors' Reception	5 pm
Bread Loaf FC	7 pm
Donde Esta Mexico	7 pm
Trivia Night	9 pm

Thursday:

Singing Group	5 pm
Yoga	5 pm
Ed/Equity Panel	7 pm
Band in Barn	8:30 pm

Friday:

Elder Walk	8:15 am
Beckett Wkshop	10 am
Akunin's Seagull	2 pm
All School Picnic	6 pm
HP & Goblet...	7 pm
Rear Window	9 pm

Menu

Lunch (12:45): scallion-zucchini cakes on udon noodles w/veggies OR grilled hanger steak; bok choy

Dinner (6:00): duck ragu OR shroom/bean/spinach sauté over penne pasta

Show 'Nuff

How lucky are you? You get a Directors' Reception today, live band tomorrow after a thought-inducing talk on important issues of teaching and learning, and *then* a picnic, two movies, with Suppressed Desires to top it off. We haven't even gotten to next week's Drew Lecture yet, and thy cup continues to runneth over. This little gem, announced in yesterday's *Crumb*, ought to broaden your smile: **Brian and Travis announce a special preview of *Hamlet* to take place Tuesday, July 31 at 8 pm. You do not need a ticket or a reservation as this full dress rehearsal is first come, first seated.** The added preview is especially useful for students who will write about the play, allowing them to view the show early and then—perhaps—exchange their second night ticket with another theater-goer. In all events, this extra show should offer everyone the opportunity to laugh at R&G, cry crocodile tears, and ponder this quintessence of dust. **Please make a point of turning back all unneeded tickets to *Hamlet* so your classmates, professors, and friends can see the show of their choosing.**

Education And Equity Panel

Dr. Jason Irizarry and Bread Loaf's own Dr. David Kirkland will present a panel on Education and Equity tomorrow, Thursday, evening at 7 pm in Barn 1. Dr. Irizarry's talk is titled "Learning with and from Latino/a Youth: Writing as an Act of Freedom," while Dr. Kirkland will deliver "Rhythms of Justice: Using Youth Culture to Teach Literacy for Social Change." **Sign up on the bulletin board in the Inn to share dinner with Drs. Irizarry and Kirkland tomorrow night.** Dr. Jason G. Irizarry is an Associate Professor of Multicultural Education in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction in the Neag School of Education and Faculty Associate in the Institute for Puerto Rican and Latino Studies at the University of Connecticut. His research focuses on urban teacher recruitment, preparation, and retention with an emphasis on increasing the number of teachers of color, culturally responsive pedagogy, youth participatory action research, and Latino students in U.S. schools. A central focus of his work involves promoting the academic achievement of youth in urban schools by addressing issues associated with teacher education.

Manuscripts documenting the findings of his research have been published or accepted for publication in a variety of peer-reviewed journals in the field including the *American Educational Research Journal*, *Teachers College Record*, *Education and Urban Society*,

Multicultural Perspectives, the *Journal of Latinos and Education, Teaching and Teacher Education*, and the *Centro Journal of Puerto Rican Studies* and others appearing as chapters in various books. He is also the author of *The Latinization of U.S. Schools: Successful Teaching and Learning in Shifting Cultural Contexts* (Paradigm Publishers, 2011).

Dr. Kirkland is associate professor of Writing, Rhetoric, and American Cultures, English, and African and African-American Studies at Michigan State University. His 50 publications cover a wide array of research interests, including the intersections among urban youth culture, language and literacy, urban teacher preparation, and digital media (steinhardt.nyu.edu). Dr. Kirkland examines the ways English is taught, thought about, and understood as a language in a variety of global contexts, while his Black Male Literacy Project builds on a decade's research to engage the same demographic positively and artistically in a classroom setting (wrac.msu.edu).

Ebert & You

Noam Osband will screen a rough cut of his film **Donde Esta Mexico** tonight at 7 pm in Barn 1. It's about the revitalization of Philadelphia's St. Patrick's Church done by Mexican immigrants. Noam hopes to hear your feedback after the ~1 hour film's finished so he can put the final touches on his work.

How Do You Do?

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Pret-A-Porter

Calista and Matt have hand-delivered some BL t-shirts (nice touch, that), but the rest of you need to **pick up your pre-ordered 2012 Loaf shirts today at 12:15 on the Inn's Front Porch**. Hey, while you're near the desk, be certain to give MacNair Randall high fives and a thank you for designing this year's fantastic addition to your wardrobe. All subsequent inquiries regarding shirts should go to Calista's BreadNet account.

Who Stole The Cookie From The Cookie Jar?

Via the *Crumb's* backroom staff of Lucky and Pozzo, Dare Clubb has passed on this message regarding his Friday workshop: "Between the 1950s and the 1980s, Samuel Beckett wrote some of the greatest short plays ever written. We're going to take a close look at one of these works, 'Not-I,' written in 1972. We'll spend our time together exploring the play's complex dramatic structures, savoring its many textual pleasures. All are welcome." **Friday, 10 am—12 pm, Barn 1.** Why not make an early start this weekend by going on

A Natural History of Bread Loaf Walkabout

Professor John Elder will reprise his role as Purveyor of Flora and Fauna **Friday morning at 8:15 am** and will have participants back on campus in time to attend Dr. Clubb's workshop. "The group will have four central goals: to learn the names of local trees and flowers, to survey Vermont's geology and the "disturbance history" that accounts for the forest's character, to reflect on the Frost poetry scattered around the Trail, to have fun together in a lovely setting. Please wear comfortable shoes, bring a water bottle, and expect to return by 10 am."

I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream For

According to democratic rule and serious sugar jones, the Saturday Excursion Group has decided to make this weekend's event a **trip to Bristol Falls and a stop at Lulu's**. That's righteous ice cream (or a creemee if you're local) and a dunk in the refreshing waters off Lincoln Road. **The group will leave at 1:30 from the Inn's Front Porch and will return to campus in time for dinner** (and Suppressed Desires costume-construction).

All That Glitters Is Not Gold Town

Bread Loafer Mike Wheeler and his bluegrass playin', foot stompin', honky-tonkin', old-time music brethren play **the Barn tomorrow night at 8:30 pm**. Gold Town's composed of southern Vermonsters with a passion for intricate melodies and laid-back mountain sounds. Since **there'll be no Pond Reading tomorrow evening**, why not follow up the studiousness of Drs. Irizarry and Kirkland with the Feel Good Factor of banjos, upright bass, fiddle, and resonator guitar? Cold drinks will be served, provided you bring an ID and your best manners.

Pursuit

Match wits against your classmates and friends **tonight at 9 pm in the Barn** when Trivia Night returns.

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Events

Today:

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Yoga	5 pm
Ed/Equity Panel	7 pm
Band in Barn	8:30 pm

Friday:

Elder Walk	8:15 am
Beckett Wkshop	10 am
Yoga	10 am
Akunin's Seagull	2 pm
All School Picnic	6 pm
HP & Goblet...	7 pm
Rear Window	9 pm

Saturday:

Bristol Falls Hike	1:30 pm
Suppressed Desires	9 pm

Menu

Lunch (12:45): tandoori chicken thighs OR green pea sauté; basmati rice; saag paneer

Dinner (6:00): spicy chick pea stew OR seared peppercorn pork tenderloin

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The Road

Many of you have begun noting on the Dining Hall bulletin board the days, dates, and times you need a ride off the Mountain or wish to share one with a fellow BL'er. That's fantastic and ought to continue. However, **Nina Eifinger needs your help**, well, yesterday. She's got to make it to Montreal (or at least Burlington) this weekend. If you're headed to either city tomorrow, drop her a line. If you're returning from either city Sunday and can set up a ride share, drop her a line. She's promised German or Japanese lessons on the drive and will chip in for gasoline. BreadNet or snail mail Nina today.

Putin's Pecs And Other Dramatic Russian Spectacles

Tomorrow at 2 pm in Barn 1 members of this summer's Chekhov course will present a staged reading of Boris Akunin's witty parody of Chekhov's *The Seagull*. The original, you will recall, ends with the

announcement that the aspiring young writer has shot himself. Akunin's version opens with the news that Konstantin is in fact dead, but not by his own hand: he has been murdered. The doctor (there's always doctor in Dr. Chekhov's plays) then assembles all the characters of *The Seagull* in the drawing room and conducts an Agatha-Christie-style interrogation until he uncovers the culprit. Please come and be slyly amused by this murder-mystery.

Memory And The Confined Self

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Run DMC & Aerosmith's Collaborative Super-Hit

Professor John Elder will reprise his role as Purveyor of Flora and Fauna **Friday morning at 8:15 am** and bring fellow naturalists back for Dr. Clubb's workshop. His Natural History of Bread Loaf walking tour is back, and John wants you to keep these Four Noble Truths in mind: "The group will have four central goals: to learn the names of local trees and flowers, to survey Vermont's geology and the "disturbance history" that accounts for the forest's character, to reflect on the Frost poetry scattered around the Trail, to have fun together in a lovely setting. Please wear comfortable shoes, bring a water bottle, and expect to return by 10 am." **Meet at Robert Frost Trailhead.**

Sotto Voce

Psst, hey. (*You know when you do *stuff like this* in print, it means you're modulating your volume and tone?*) Remember how to do that in real-life? Please refrain from any but whispered conversations on the Library's 1st floor, Loafers. A handful of you have mentioned it's getting difficult to work with the consistent—and consistently *fortissimo*—talk that's happening. Thanks for keeping Davison an effective workspace for everyone.

Nothing Gold Town Can Stay

But in our Good News File, we *do* get to hear Mike Wheeler's band play for a couple hours tonight. Gold Town, a bluegrass/Americana/speedgrass/old-time musical group **play the Barn tonight at 8:30 pm**. Gold Town's composed of southern Vermonsters with a passion for intricate melodies and laid-back mountain sounds. Since **there'll be no Pond Reading tonight**, this event counts as the reward you give yourself for cranking out a bit more of your essay's draft (working title: "Really, Really, *Really* Long Sentences: A Study of Faulknerian Syntactical Structures As Indices of Narrative Control"). Cold drinks will be served, provided you bring an ID.

Celebrat-Orry Event

Come out for the great people, stay for the three-mile run. **The Charlie Orr 5K Run/Walk/Skip/Gambol takes place next Saturday, 8/4, at 9 am.** This BL institution began in 1984 when Charlie's classmates and friends wanted to commemorate a fabulous person, full of wit and *bonhomie*. The event, which does not require sub-7 mile splits or flashy running kicks, has marked the final weekend on the Mountain since 1985. So, roust yourself from sleep next weekend and make a point to take part in the Orr. You'll play your part in an important tradition and get a little cardio to boot.

TriviApplause

Tons of praise to go around this morning in the wake of another ultra-successful Trivia Night competition. Silent (until now) donors to the Box of Broken Dreams have treated the BL community to prizes of wonder and hours (well, minutes anyway) of good, clean fun. Cheers to Dylan and Savannah Brown for parting with the icons of their childhood and providing the BBD 2.0's toys. And thanks, too, to Bhuvanesh Goswami for classing up the place with his Celebrity Reading and Enviable Mustaches. The Front Desk staff deserves a shout for doing the dirty work (i.e. math) of these trivia comps. And I might get all Rod Tidwell describing Marcy here, but thank you to "Mean" Gene "Okerlund" Campbell and "Luda" Christian Clarke. The party won't go without your flow. Remembering that the team name theme given was Literary Ben & Jerry's Flavors, here are the results from yesterday. Trivia Night Winners: *The Rocky Road Not Taken*. TN Best Team Name: *Dante's Purga-Oreo*. TN Runners-up/Most Participants: *A Scoop of One's Own a.k.a The Waitstaff Army*.

Tuesday's Drew Lecture Title: "Stuttering Connectivity: The Essay As Sociable Fact"

Dr. Jeff Nunokawa brings his particular energy to the **Barn next Tuesday at 7:30 pm** for this major BL event. Check this space tomorrow and Monday for more information about the Elizabeth Drew Lecture Series.

The Crumb

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Events

Today:

Akunin's Seagull	2 pm
All School Picnic	6 pm
HP & Goblet...	7 pm
Rear Window	9 pm

Saturday:

Bristol Falls Hike	1:30 pm
Suppressed Desires	9 pm

Sunday:

Yoga	5 pm
Blue Parlor	7 pm

Menu

Lunch (12:30): pulled pork sandwich OR veggie sauté

Picnic (6:00): grill it

T-Shirt Tip

Did you know you can now buy any unclaimed Bread Loaf 2012 t-shirts? Look for Calista on the West Lawn Porch today at 1:30 pm. Or you can BreadNet her and claim your lavender, paprika, or lilywhite prize. Cost is \$12, but you can have one for \$11.99, bargain hunter. Look sharp.

He Drew You Here Too, Huh?

One of the most anticipated events on the Bread Loaf calendar, the Elizabeth Drew Lecture has been a staple of scholastic inquiry for many years. Over a career lasting nearly a half-century, Ms. Drew's prodigious writing output included poetry, literary scholarship, drama, and numerous essays. Born in Singapore, educated in England, Ms. Drew's varied life saw her survive the Blitz, achieve success as a critic and public intellectual, and find an abiding affinity for Bread Loaf. She taught at Girton College in Cambridge, the University of Cambridge, Smith College, and right here on the Mountain. Past Drew Lecturers have included Marjorie Garber, Oskar Eustis, Tony Kushner, Seamus Heaney, and BL's Michael Wood and Isobel Armstrong.

Dr. Jeff Nunokawa, long a Bread Loaf teacher and mentor, will deliver **Tuesday's 2012 Drew Lecture at 7:30 pm in the Barn**. His lecture grows from the Jeffbook essay project and continues exploring that form in the context of a 21st century media environment. As ever, expect Dr. Nunokawa to cover plenty of ground in examining his subject. This event's not to be missed.

Listen Up

You'll want to check out this innovative collaboration Bread Loaf's involved in with the USDoE. Karen Cator, Director of the Office of Educational Technology at the U.S. Department of Education is coming to Bread Loaf this **Monday to kick off Connected Educator Month**. Bread Loaf's participation in Connected Educator Month means increased opportunities for you to connect with peers around the country and the world. Please come to **Karen Cator's talk Monday in Barn 1 at 7:30 pm: "Connected Teaching and Learning"** to learn more about this cooperative effort. All BL'ers welcome.

Up The Creek

All seniors are encouraged—strongly, vociferously encouraged—to check their BreadNet accounts for more information regarding the Otter Creek event. John Munro needs numbers nailed down this weekend. So, tot up all the family, friends, significant others, and band aids that you call your posse and give him the sum already.

Driving And Crying

Sure hope Nina got to Montreal alright, don't you? If you haven't had the chance to look closely at the Give A Ride/Get A Ride board near

the Dining Hall you may not even know why that sentiment's salient. Drivers, why not think about Good Samaritizing your next trip off Mountain? Passengers, keep those requests coming to these pages by contacting: hinckerh@breadnet.middlebury.edu and by dropping your digits on the board.

BL Cineplex Showing Double Feature Friday

After tonight's All School Picnic at 6 pm, you've two movies to see, one Hitch and one Harry. *Rear Window* will begin at 9 pm in the Barn. It's regarded as one of Alfred Hitchcock's best (some of you in Dr. Freedman's class will put forward *The 39 Steps* instead) and earned four Academy Award nods. Made on a whopping \$1M budget, this film uses non-Michael Bay methods to keep your eyes glued to the screen. *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* concerns a boy wizard who has an adventure. You've likely not heard of this 'deep cut,' owing to the fact that the short series of fantasy books on which the film's based never really took off in public consciousness. If you'd like a first introduction to lightning bolts on foreheads or "Mad-Eye" then this one's for you. Feel free to bring your little ones over from the Picnic at 7 pm to Barn 1 where *HP & the G of F* will play.

My Paper's Done And I'm Going To Swim At Pleiad!

Stop. Put down that dinner fork. Step away from your roommate and take a deep breath. Don't let yourself get sucked into the Paper Writing Cave of Myopic Negativity, dude. It happens this time of the summer. Best preventative medicine? Hashing out your ideas with a Writing Center peer reader. Whether you need a bit of a push to get your ideas into manageable form or you want a new set of eyes to look over a full draft, the Ken Macrorie Writing Center offers you personalized feedback and fantastic hours. Sign up at their Davison Library 2nd floor HQ and give yourself a stress-reduced passage through next week.

We're On The Clock Now

That sound you hear is individuation at work; you're becoming your best self and I'm proud of you. Continue the work you've been doing at tomorrow's **Suppressed Desires** dance starting at 9 pm. Now's the time for honesty, wit, and a healthy dollop of humor. In the Continuing Collaborative Collective File, the Senior class and the Waitstaff have agreed to co-host the festivities. Patrick Hastings and Ben Niles will DJ; they've promised "hip-hop, funky beats, and guilty pleasure pop." BreadNet them with all your requests, preferably at 8 or so tomorrow night (just to see what they'll do). Best Costume and Best Ensemble will win prizes. Be sure you've got your ID. And surprise some people.

Still Looking For Something Different On Saturday

Saturday's warm up to Suppressed Desires could be the Chinese film *The Piano in a Factory* (*Gang de qin*), directed by Zhang Meng, and the 7th movie in the Language Schools International Film Festival. Show starts at 7 pm in the Dana Auditorium of Sunderland Language Center on College Street. It's free, runs two hours and is about an unemployed cuckold in a depressed mining town in northeast China who must provide his daughter with a piano in order to keep full custody. With the help of his friends, Chen Guilin decides to build one. Antics ensue.

Muppets' Drummer

Jamie Cordes ran near (but not between—never, never run between) a mama black bear and her cub on an early morning "run near the house on 125 with the **above ground pool**." Sure, Cordes, I've been on those "runs," too. Just couldn't resist the inviting blue waters? Didn't Cheever have one like this? Now, Molly Rankin corroborates the existence of said cub, which she saw crossing 125 near the same spot later that day. Don't be shocked, though, if things are a bit *empty* when you finally return to your dorm. And it's autumn. NBD.

Clever Bread Puns Drop/From My Ink Dark Tongue's Last Rill/Crumbs On A White Page

Front Desker and Man About Town Peter Newton's got a great lead on Japanese short form poetry. He's worked as an assistant editor of *tinywords*, an online journal of micropoetry (www.tinywords.com or on Twitter: @tinywords) and will have one of his haiku published in the Billy Collins edited *Norton Anthology of Poetry* in 2013. Wanna talk more about the short form—i.e. haiku, tanka, haibun, haiga? Pull up some Desk and bend Peter's ear a bit, or you can read updates and his current work on Twitter (@ThePeterNewton).

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Events

Today:

Bread Loaf FC 5 pm

There Will Be... 7 pm

Karen Cator 7:30 pm

Tuesday:

Singing Group 5 pm

Yoga 5 pm

Drew Lecture 7:30 pm

Wednesday:

Bread Loaf FC 7:30 pm

Hamlet 8 pm

Menu

Lunch (12:45): tofu stir-fry
OR General Otis chicken;
veggie egg rolls

Dinner (6:00): pit ham OR
veggie cassoulet; scalloped
potatoes; greeeen beeeeans

Weather

Today: stray pm storm 81/53

Tuesday: summah 82/58

Wednesday: t'storms 78/60

Thursday: plan ahead? 45/16

Innovative Collaboration

Please welcome Karen Cator, Director of the Office of Educational Technology at the U.S. Department of Education, to campus today. **Ms. Cator will kick off Connected Educator Month here.** Bread Loaf's participation in Connected Educator Month means increased opportunities for you to problem-solve with peers around the country and the world. Using the latest technological tools to connect virtually with colleagues, you'll be in the vanguard of the USDoE's push to use new computing tools to work through the common challenges facing educators across the country. **Please come to Karen Cator's talk, "Connected Teaching and Learning," tonight in Barn 1 at 7:30 pm** to learn more about this cooperative effort. All BL'ers welcome.

Speak Now Or...

Let's say you're a senior. And let's say you're aware of the Lake Champlain Cruise and the Otter Creek event, but you haven't informed anyone you'd like to attend these Graduation Festival Features. Gotta do it, yo. Make certain you've followed up with Elaine Lathrop in the Main Office for the Cruise and contact John Munro about the O.C. (he loves Summer Roberts) thing. Plan your fun then get your work done.

Is A Lecture An Essay? Is A Facebook Post?

One of the most anticipated events on the Bread Loaf calendar, the Elizabeth Drew Lecture has been a staple of scholastic inquiry for many years. Over a career lasting nearly a half-century, Ms. Drew's prodigious writing output included poetry, literary scholarship, drama, and numerous essays. Born in Singapore, educated in England, Ms. Drew's varied life saw her survive the Blitz, achieve success as a critic and public intellectual, and find an abiding affinity for Bread Loaf. She taught at Girton College in Cambridge, the University of Cambridge, Smith College, and right here on the Mountain. Past Drew Lecturers have included Marjorie Garber, Oskar Eustis, Tony Kushner, Seamus Heaney, and BL's Michael Wood and Isobel Armstrong.

Dr. Jeff Nunokawa, long a Bread Loaf teacher and mentor, will deliver **Tuesday's 2012 Drew Lecture at 7:30 pm in the Barn.** His lecture grows from the Jeffbook essay project and continues exploring that form in the context of a 21st century media environment. As ever, expect Dr. Nunokawa to cover plenty of ground in examining his subject. Drop whatever else you're doing to attend this event.

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Will Sing For Bread

Lloyd Miller sends along this missive to the masses, happily passed on through the *Crumb's Dream of Scipio* Department: "The Bread Loaf singing group will be performing at 7:30 every night before Hamlet and we'll be inviting the crowd to sing along — come plant yourself among the audience and help us make a lot of noise. Also: **We need a new name**, one that reflects that we're no longer just a singing group but one that includes guitar, mandolin, ukulele, banjo, upright bass, tin whistle, and recorder. I might even go so far as to call us a band."

Please vote for one of the following or come up with your own suggestion. A ballot box (just look for Abby) will be outside the dining hall or you can e-mail Lloyd with your vote: thedeedledeedledees@yahoo.com."

- Bred Zeppelin
- The Challah Back Girlz
- The Bread Loaf Singing Group
- The Leaven
- The Bread Loaf Mountain Boys
- The Yeastie Boys
- The Caught-in-a-Trap-and-I-Can't-Walk-Out-Because-I-Loaf-You-Too-Much-Baby Band
- The Upper Crust
- The Rising
- (write in your own suggestion) _____

Enterprises Of Great Pitch And Consequence

Player/Manager Patrick Hastings has released this Press Update for soccer fans, players, and groupies. **Bread Loaf FC will play tonight at 5 pm**, in order to give everyone a chance to get cleaned up and **go see Karen Cator's talk at 7:30 pm**. Tonight's game will be good prep for the Major Fixture on BLFC's calendar: the tilt on **Wednesday** against Middlebury High's Girls' Varsity Soccer Squad. They'll play at **7:30 pm** that night at Vermont's own Field of Dreams, the **Middlebury College Turf Pitch**. All welcome.

Pick Up Food Here And Put It Down There

It's really about that simple, says Lindsay Coffta. If you're one of the lucky few non-seniors who'll stick around for the glorious stretch of time after classes end, **please consider serving at the Graduation Banquet**. That's **Saturday, 8/11**, Waiter-In-The-Wings. The event's a load of good times, since everyone's in a celebratory mood and wants to share that *bon sentiments* with you. Contact Coffta over BreadNet to lend a hand.

No Shirt? No Problem

Did you know you can now buy any unclaimed Bread Loaf 2012 t-shirts? Look for Calista on the West Lawn Porch today at 12:15 pm. Or you can BreadNet her and claim your lavender, paprika, or lilywhite prize. Cost is \$12, but you can have a shirt for...\$12. Checks made to Middlebury College. Cash is even better.

Pete Campbell Wants Your Business

Good work, seniors. You've achieved the vaunted *Crumb* Double Shout Out, joining Sam Swope and Hamlet in that impressive company. **Please attend to all your bills—for the banquet and for rooms—by this Thursday, 8/2**. You may pay Victoria Brown with check or cash. P.S. How'd he fall in love with Rory last season?

"Making Moose Matter" By Lorena German (A Post-Post Modern Recounting Of An *Alces* *Alces* Sighting)

One wonderfully dark night, Jineyda and I are driving Lincoln Road on our way back to campus around 11:30. For days I had been praying to God that He bestow favor upon us and bless us with the sighting of a moose! That night as Jineyda drove and rambled on about love, life, and cursed Vermont dirt roads, I prayed. I sat next to her and prayed to see a moose...from a far distance, of course, in the most non-threatening way possible. And then...as we drove over the most uncivilized part of the road yet, there was Mr. Moose, Bambi-style wobbly legs, trying to figure his way from this road back into the wilderness. I screamed at Jineyda so we could stop and watch this unfold... He was surely much taller than our vehicle, yet seemed a baby. I yelled, and to Jineyda confessed my prayers for the sight we just witnessed. To which she replied matter-of-factly, "Ok, that was cool. Are you satisfied? Will you let it go now?" Fin.

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Events

Today:

Unnamed Band	5 pm
Yoga	5 pm
Ultimate Frisbee	7 pm
Drew Lecture	7:30 pm
Hamlet Preview	8 pm

Wednesday:

Hamlet Opens	8 pm
Thursday:	
Yoga	5 pm
Hamlet	8 pm

Pond Reading 9 pm

Menu

Lunch (12:45): Cuban reuben
OR veggie Cuban reuben;
sautéed zucc/squash

Dinner (6:00): chicken
panzanella OR veggie
panzanella

Weather

Today: must	80/59
Wednesday: write	79/59
Thursday: paper!	80/58
Friday: cold front	29/12

Status Update: At The Drew, *Totally* Into This Lecture

Readers attentive to these leaves of grass know that the Elizabeth Drew Lecture is the major academic event on BL's calendar. Those same readers have learned the history of the lecture series and read assiduously the history of Elizabeth Drew, a singular scholar and author. Continuing the feast of hearty intellectual fare, as applied to a new millennium and to new technologies, Bread Loaf's own Dr. Jeff Nunokawa will deliver **tonight's Drew Lecture at 7:30 pm in the Barn**. Dr. Nunokawa is Master of Rockefeller College at Princeton University, where he has taught English since 1988. Specializing in the Victorian novel, Dr. Nunokawa alternatively finds the latest welter of pop cultural objects at least as fascinating as the late 19th century novel. But nothing, apparently, trumps his estimation of Henry James. His next book will concern social engagement and disengagement in a variety of 19th century novels.

Dr. Nunokawa's lecture, "Stuttering Connectivity: The Essay as Sociable Fact," grows from the 3200 or so Facebook meditations he's posted and continues exploring that form in the context of a 21st century media environment. Drop whatever else you're doing to attend this event. **A reception will follow the Drew Lecture in Tremen Cottage. All Loafers are welcome to attend.**

For Us And For Our Tragedy/ We Beg Your Hearing Patiently

Brian, Travis, and the rest of the *Hamlet* cast and crew will make **tonight's full dress rehearsal public for any and all comers**. This special preview attempts to provide everyone—and especially those students who need to see the play multiple times and write about it—with the chance to see the Dane do his thing. **Please be in your seat by 8 pm** and leave only during scheduled intermission.

Related news: take another look at your calendar and **turn in any unneeded tickets** if your theater-going plans have changed since you made reservations. The Front Desk will happily take them off your hands and give them to a classmate or colleague. Thanks for Golden Ruling it. If you're the gambling type, you could tell Travis you're willing to wait on 'stand-by' for a ticket to whichever night you wish. If possible, he'll seat those folks about five to ten minutes before the show. Communication with Travis is key for this maneuver to work.

Have You Moved Your Car From 125 Yet? Seriously?

Orr You Could Start Your Saturday With A Celebration

This Saturday's Charlie Orr 5K Run/Cruise/Strut/Wander will introduce you to one of the Mountain's important legacies: memorializing and celebrating a fantastic Loafer who many professors and classmates remember fondly from the mid-80's. The Innkeepers and Front Deskers have put together a three-mile course with an eye toward maximal visual enjoyment. They've dialed up a mild sun, cool breezes, and little popinjays to sing your name as you amble/grind/saunter over hill and dale. You need not register or train for this one, gang. Simply **show up at John's Pond at 9 am Saturday morning** and become a part of it.

BreadSong Of Shannara

Lloyd Miller hopes you'll tear this impromptu ballot from the *Crumb* and vote your conscience in the Contest for BL Band Name. Bonus: no hanging chads. Please vote for one of the following or come up with your own suggestion. A ballot box (just look for Abby) will be outside the dining hall or you can e-mail Lloyd with your vote: thedeedledeedledees@yahoo.com."

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- The Upper Crust
- The Rising
- (write in your own suggestion) _____

Good Country People

From Michael Katz and his Massachusetts-bound Turgenev Crew: "Hamlet, Schmamlet! Due to a last-minute change of plans, there is **ONE** ticket left for this Saturday's production of Turgenev's "A Month in the Country," at the Williamstown Theater Festival. Check out a preview of the show here: blog.wtfestival.org/a-month-in-the-country-preview/ and then contact Professor Katz over BreadNet to snag that last ticket.

I Am The Gatekeeper; Are You The Keymaster?

In the I Never Thought I'd See That *Twice* File: **HUGE** thanks and Kevin's undying appreciation goes to **Mickey Lenzi and the rest of you Loafers who helped Mr. Weatherill find his wedding band** in the Tamarack Field yesterday evening. This All Hands On Deck feat of collective search party strength reminds one of the Curran Episode of 2010, during which Annie Hartnett discovered the marital needle in a BL haystack. Seriously, ya'll, this sort of graceful aid to someone in need is one of the things that make the Mountain great.

We Have BL Attire? I Have Such A Shirt Attention Span

Calista's still got a collection of **2012** Bread Loaf t-shirts, but now you'll have to **contact her on BreadNet** should you wish to procure one for yourself, your kids, or your spouse (Kevin, this might be a good idea for you).

HikeJumpSwimLounge Over Your Almost And Around Your Yes

ee cummings and MacNair Randall hope you'll join up for the **rescheduled Bristol Falls excursion this Saturday**. The Falls boast a fabu swimming hole with high jumps, deep pools, and fallingwaterfalling. As freedom is a breakfast food, you excursionists will stop by Lulu's on your way back to campus for a creemee or ice cream.

I Turn My Camera On

Spoon and Edward Brown are now selling school pics at the Front Desk. You may pay as your order. Orders close Thursday and photos will arrive by Sunday. Cost for an 8X10 is \$13, while a 5X7 will run you a crisp Alexander Hamilton.

"The Time Has Come," The Walrus Said

Be certain you've checked your BreadNet recently as Elaine Lathrop has sent you an email detailing a few tasks for you to complete prior to (ahem) leaving the Mountain for the summer. Each of the evaluations, notifications of your travel plans and contact information helps the BL staff do its job better. Please give that checklist your full attention as you begin plotting your Vermont Dismount. *Toutes les bonnes choses viennent à une fin, mon ami.*

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Bread Loaf FC 7:30 pm

Hamlet Opens 8 pm

Thursday:

Yoga 5 pm

Hamlet 8 pm

Pond Reading 9 pm

Friday:

Curtain Workshop 10 am

Yoga 10 am

Hamlet 8 pm

Young Frankenstein 9 pm

Menu

Lunch (12:45): greek veggie wrap OR roasted turkey wrap OR garlic/herb wrap

Dinner (6:00): red lentil stew OR corned beef; soylent green

Weather

Today: pm storms 77/59

Thursday: same 84/61

Friday: ditto 81/57

It Needs No Other Passport Than Fun

The cast and crew have worked all summer to bring you a brand new re-imagining of this drama. **Brian McEleney and the Bread Loaf Acting Company present *Hamlet* tonight at 8 pm in the Little Theater.** Now, they'll "speak the speech...trippingly on the tongue" and let you taste the fruit of their efforts. Here's a bit more logistical information to make your theater-going adroit and enjoyable.

Although the play begins promptly at 8, you'll want to **arrive around 7:40** so you can hear the still unnamed Bread Loaf Band and Singers perform before the show. The play runs two hours and forty minutes with a single intermission. If your tickets will take you to one of the other shows, **please move extra quietly around the Theater** so you don't interrupt the audience's experience.

Still sayin' it, 'cause it's still relevant: take another look at your calendar and **turn in any unneeded tickets** if your plans have changed since you made reservations. The Front Desk will happily take them off your hands and give them to a classmate or colleague. If you're willing to wait on 'stand-by' for a ticket, please contact Travis Farrell. If possible, he'll seat stand-by folks about five to ten minutes pre-show.

Starting XI

All past and present players in the juggernaut that is Bread Loaf FC are encouraged to don their boots and come take on the marquee opponent of the summer. **At 7:30 pm tonight**, our footballers test themselves against Middlebury High's Varsity Soccer Team **on Middlebury College's Turf Field**. Players: please wear green and bring a white shirt with you. For the hundreds of you that will fill the spectator stands, the field's just past Midd's Athletic Center on South Main Street. See you there to watch the Tomes tilt against the Tigers.

Ponderous Prose

Nah, I'm not talking about your final paper for JGL (but, really, do you need that many Verbs of Being and all the references to Benjamin?). Rather, it's the final Pond Reading of the summer that you'll wish to attend. **Tomorrow's 9 pm get-together at John's Pond**, hosted by the Guys of Gilmore in cooperation with the Ladies of Larch and brought to you by the letter B, will feature a Mystery Faculty Reader, maybe a couple of cold drinks (bring that ID), and all the stress-relieving antics you can toss at your Thursday. Please remember to go ninja if you come back to Center Campus and the play's still on.

Be Chair-itable: Return The Wood Seats To The Inn Lobby

SeenYer Kid?

Graduates-to-be: take a gander at the deal Croutons will give you for Graduation childcare. The particulars are on your BreadNet and the Dining Hall bulletin board, but **you must sign up before Tuesday, 8/7** to guarantee your spot. Extra Class of 2012 Notification: **tomorrow** is the final date by which all seniors' outstanding bills must be paid. Make checks payable to Middlebury College and give them (or cash, natch) to Victoria Brown at the Front Desk. Almost there, seniors....

Yogone

The recently Enlightened Dhara Baiden (why do you think her name's only missing the 'M'?) writes our Department of Wellness and Calm to report that Sunday's yoga class will be the final such offering for the summer. Tomorrow's and Friday's classes are still on, same Bat-time and Bat-channel, but then you'll need to press Pause on your practice until you return home. Please help thank "Julie Griffin, Katy Jablonski, Ann Whittaker, and Lynnette Freeman for doing such an awesome job helping us get our zen on this summer!"

Good Country People

From Michael Katz and his Massachusetts-bound Turgenev Crew: "Hamlet, Schmamlet! Due to a last-minute change of plans, there is **ONE** ticket left for this Saturday's production of Turgenev's "A Month in the Country," at the Williamstown Theater Festival. Check out a preview of the show here: blog.wtfestival.org/a-month-in-the-country-preview/ and then contact Professor Katz over BreadNet to snag that last ticket.

Violet, You're Turning Violet

Round about this time of summer, it's tough to plan your meals in advance, much less some weekend fun. No worries, mate. Allow the *Crumb* Foreign Film Office to suggest *Violeta se fue a los cielos* (*Violeta Parra Went to Heaven*). For those who may not be familiar with her work, Violeta Parra has been dubbed the Chilean Bob Dylan, such were her contributions to folk music, painting and poetry. Her multi-dimensional artistic career inspired legions of admirers and imitators during and after the 1960s, her creative high-water period. This Andres Wood-directed 2012 Sundance Selection takes for its starting point the marquee in La Reina that Parra built and now receives visitors in after her death. **The film plays at 7 pm this Saturday, 8/4, in Dana Auditorium in the Sunderland Language Center on College Street.** Admission is free and the movie will be subtitled.

ShirTook You Long Enough To Order

Calista's still got a collection of 2012 Bread Loaf t-shirts, but now you'll have to **contact her on BreadNet** should you want one for yourself, your kids, or your spouse. Sizes range from M-XL. Look around at your fellow Loafers and decide if you like paprika, violet (see above), or tried and true *blanco*.

Pretty Nice Little Saturday Planned, Actually...Maybe We'll Get To Bed, Bath, & Beyond

MacNair Randall hope you'll join up for the **rescheduled Bristol Falls excursion this Saturday**. The Falls boast a stellar swimming hole with high jumps, deep pools, and breathtaking waterfall. You excursionists will stop by Lulu's on your way back to campus for a creemee or ice cream. **Sign up at the Front Desk** to hop in MacNair's van or to offer your own car for transport. Bring your green hat.

Photographs And Memories

Edward Brown is selling school pics at the Front Desk. You may pay when you order. Orders close Thursday (that's tomorrow, Captain Calendar) and photos will arrive by Sunday. It's \$13 for an 8X10 and \$10 for a 5X7.

All's Well That

Take a look at that V.I.Email that Elaine Lathrop sent you, *por favor*. In the midst of paper writing, project planning, and fun having, a handful of documents need your attention. Each of the evaluations, notifications of your travel plans and contact information helps the BL staff do its job better. Here's a handy-dandy tear-off slip to drop at the Front Desk which details your departure info and makes it possible for a graduate's family to stay over for Little Junior's Big Day next weekend. While you're thinking about next week, sidle over to the Give/Get A Ride Board. We need to get more Lois Lowry; any other Givers out there? Help Loafers get off Mountain if you can!

Name _____

Bread Loaf Room and Roommate's Name _____

Departure Date _____

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Today:

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<i>Hamlet</i>	8 pm
Pond Reading	9 pm

Friday:

Curtain Workshop	10 am
Yoga	10 am
<i>Hamlet</i>	8 pm
<i>Young Frankenstein</i>	9 pm
Saturday:	
Bristol Falls Hike	1:30 pm
<i>Hamlet</i>	8 pm

Menu

Lunch (12:45): broccoli pesto OR chicken pesto over fettucine; garlic bread

Dinner (6:00): maple peppered pork OR seared tofu steak

Weather

Today: muggy	83/61
Friday: more so	84/61
Saturday: dog days	85/65

Edenic Evening Plans

Gilmore Guys and Larch Ladies humbly entreat you to walk hand in hand, with wandering steps and slow, to **John's Pond tonight at 9 pm for the summer's final Pond Reading**. The DA's make the fire hot and the refreshments cold. You take care of scintillating convo (first topic: Will Austin's Ghost is *crazy* creepy, right?) and general good spirits—attitude, not phantasms. Maybe you'll see tonight's Mystery Faculty Reader do handstands while declaiming or read a piece entirely in Pig Latin. You won't know unless you come, will you? That's a little somethin' we call a tease. See you down there with an ID and a smile.

C'mon, Baby, Do The Locomotion

Whether ye be fleet-footed half-miler, sometimes jogger, or simply an interested Loafer who wishes to play a part in a grand Bread Loaf tradition, **you're invited to participate in the 2012 Charlie Orr 5K this Saturday morning at 9 am**. Past Orr ambulators have won prizes for costuming, for overall *esprit de corps*, and for contributions to the Greater Good. Past Orr winners have run really fast. You may fall into either group—or anywhere in between—but we very much hope to see you out on Saturday to celebrate the life a fantastic Loafer amidst your friends and under the subtle sun.

Schwarzenegger Flick Based On King's Novel

A few of you who've been training for said Orr 5K have been making a pretty late go of it. Ahh, the nightrun. Alone with your thoughts, solitary silence, only the odd sliver of light to mark your distance. Like an Edward Hopper painting, but not. Here's the deal: that's wicked dangerous if you're running on 125. Extensive research into the training methods of London Olympians by the crack team at *Crumb* HQ has come up with a handful of tips. #1) Run during the light hours. #2) Run with a partner. #3) Run against traffic. #4) Run wearing reflective clothing. #5) Don't run at night on 125, or see #1. Be careful out there, Loafers. Avoid those bears (looking at you, Maggie) and make certain cars can see you. This PSA brought to you by Ripton's League of Safe Workout Practices.

DJ Unk Meets Bread Loaf Papers

Talk it out with a peer reader in the Ken Macrorie Writing Center. It's no matter if you're finishing up the last draft or stuck in neutral and need a paper-plotting bull session. Go make an appointment to

bounce your ideas around with a fellow Loafer dedicated to helping you produce your best work. You miss 100% of the aid you don't ask for. Treat yourself right.

I Am A Camera With Its Shutter Open, Quite Passive, Recording, Not Thinking

Edward Brown is selling school pics at the Front Desk. You may pay when you order. **Orders close today** and photos will arrive by Sunday. It's \$13 for an 8X10 and \$10 for a 5X7.

I Completely Bocc'ed The Tourny This Year

But for a stalled Post-Modernist bracket, the summer's Bocce Tournament has moved along swimmingly and produced epic battles, unforeseen upsets, and lots of smack-talk. That's all to the good. What'd be better is for Swing Vote to actually *play* their match against—their housemates, no less—the Gieger/McGinn Whirling Hands of Death. Once those cats decide who'll be the semifinalist from that bracket, spectators can look forward to a regional quarterfinal pitting the Thomas Hardy Boys against Bocce in the Time of Cholera. That winner will have to contend with Mac the Hatchet, who recently rolled over Deboccery in the Modernist bracket. Post-post Modernists have been left slackjawed over the carnage in their region. After playing like they invented the game, Boules of Engagement lost a tough one to the MacNair-Do-Wells. MacNair-Do-Wells need one more win to get a crack at the championship. Players: try to post your playing times for members of the gallery to watch you play this weekend. Let's crown a 2012 champ by Tuesday, yes?

Malcolm Gladwell's First Book

You may have clucked approvingly when the lady in your Frost class doubled as a stellar waiter at lunch. You might be still smiling as you recall the generosity and warmth of your housekeeping crew. It may be that your dorm, or your lunch table, or your "I just lost my Larkin paper draft to a computer virus and, man, am I nasty" self put a little extra stress on a housekeeper or waiter this summer. Consider leaving a tip, the amount of which lies entirely within your discretion, for each of these crews at the Front Desk before you leave.

Treman Trim

This one's for only a passel of you. If you're a faculty or staff member who parks in front of Treman Cottage, please move your car today. Justin and his crew would like to mow (as is their wont Fridays) and the twenty tons of auto really put a cramp in their landscaping style.

Little Philology On Your Phriday?

Tyler Curtain will offer a workshop tomorrow morning at 10 am in Barn 1. Topic is the Origins of Language.

Five Easy Pieces Of Your Graduate Degree Build To This

Graduates-to-be: take a gander at the deal Croutons will give you for Graduation childcare. The particulars are on your BreadNet and the Dining Hall bulletin board, but you must sign up before Tuesday, 8/7 to guarantee your spot. Class of 2012 Notification: today is the final date by which all seniors' outstanding bills must be paid. Make checks payable to Middlebury College and give them (or cash, natch) to Victoria Brown at the Front Desk. Almost there, seniors....

Nay, Stand (By) And Unfold Yourself

First thing: many thanks for turning in unneeded *Hamlet* tickets. You've helped get people to the play on the night they want. Second: Travis is happy to have you approach him about waiting on stand-by for a seat to any show. So, check the Front Desk first for a ticket and then try your luck with him to experience the buzz of a gambler who wins. Your prize: only the best known drama in the English language. Theater *mavens* (see 3rd note, this page) who want more Shakespeare can attend Suzanne Wofford's *Hamlet* wrap-up Monday in the Barn.

Mr. Gorbachev, Tear Off This Slip

Please do focus your coffee-elevated, compositionally acute mind on Elaine's email regarding those end of summer documents. Evaluations (of courses, of the Program, of the campus) are crucial in making the Mountain a constantly dynamic, progressively better place to study and live. Thank you.

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Events

Today:

Hamlet 8 pm

Young Frankenstein 9 pm

Saturday:

Bristol Falls Hike 1:30 pm

Hamlet 8 pm

Sunday:

Final Banquet 6 pm

Blue Parlor 7 pm

Hamlet 8 pm

Menu

Lunch (12:30): beef tacos OR Mexican lasagna

Dinner (6:00): pepperoni pizza; cheese pizza; veggie pizza; basmati rice

Weather

Today: steamy 84/58

Saturday: sultry 86/64

Sunday: wind n' rain 83/66

Yet Here, Laertes? To The Theater, For Shame!

Early returns from theater-goers have brimmed with superlatives; *Hamlet* is a must-see. Can't wait until your scheduled date? Simply turn in your tickets to the Front Desk and contact Travis to get on tonight's stand-by list. The seats are available if you're willing to wait. And thank you, all, for turning in your extra tix. That Pay It Forward mentality has produced packed houses in the Little Theater and happy evenings for your fellow Loafers. Last thing for Optimal Theater Experience: the *still unnamed* Singing and Instrument Playing Gaggle of Loafers **start the music around 7:30 pm**. Best to start milling near the madding crowd in front of the Theater then.

D-Do Run Run Run, D-Do Run Run

Tomorrow holds the **2012 Charlie Orr 5K at 9 am**. Wonder if the race organizers (read: Charlie's pals) knew in the 80's they'd be offering up the 27th rendition of this celebratory event? The long life of the Orr is testament to the class of this community and the outsized effect Charlie had on those around him. We very much hope to see you out on Saturday to celebrate the life a fantastic Loafer amidst your friends and under the subtle sun. All walkers, runners, traipsers, and shufflers **welcome at John's Pond tomorrow morning**.

Carol Of Words

Students in Tracy Smith's Poetry Writing classes will present a reading of their work **this Monday at 7:30 pm in the Barn**. You're invited to come out in support of your friends, to be moved by prosody of the highest caliber, and to bask in the warm glow of paper completion. This one never fails to impress. Light refreshments will be served.

Wake Me Up When September Ends

Heads up: Sunday's seated meal serves double duty, as it's also the **Summer's End Banquet**. Don't stress. You need not dress up, give any public remarks, or crank up the nostalgia machine. Leave that to Emily and Django, who will speak briefly after you've finished your dessert. The meal's still served at 6 pm, so you'll have time to make it to the final Blue Parlor and to *Hamlet's* closing show. Win-win-win.

Life In Negative

Edward Brown has graciously extended the BL photo ordering period,

so head over to the Front Desk and pick a pic that shows off your best side. You may pay when you order. Photos will arrive by Sunday, unless you're ordering super-late. It's \$13 for an 8X10 and \$10 for a 5X7.

How 'Bout Danish For Breakfast?

Suzanne Wofford will conduct a **Post-Mortem Discussion of Hamlet this Monday at 10 am in the Barn**. She'll pose questions to Brian McEleney and members of the *Hamlet* company. You can too. Come out to hear the Behind the Music angle on Shakespeare's *magnum opus*.

Rushin' To Williamstown Tomorrow Morning

Due to a last-minute change of plans, there is **ONE** ticket left for Saturday's production of Turgenev's "A Month in the Country," at the **Williamstown Theater Festival**. Check out a preview of the show here: blog.wtfestival.org/a-month-in-the-country-preview/ and then contact Professor Katz (ТЕПЕРЬ) over BreadNet to snag that last ticket.

Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me: You Need Me To Cover The Graduation Banquet?

Conan Griffin offers this aubade in the spirit of final Mountain time and mindful of the need for Graduation Banquet waiters. **To wait tables at next Saturday's Banquet, please contact Sarah Griesbach or Lindsay Coffta ASAP.**

The flashing lights presage the muddled Aspects
That must usurp the beautiful visions created here,
Where in tender council I have spoken with
Mine own Homers and Horaces and Virgils.
Ovid's Orpheus plucked fine tunes on his harp, and
That powerful instrument guided our own sweet songs.

O, Waiters! Keep us in the close, warm embrace,
Protected by the antiquarian pillars of humble grace;
Do not the service of those false councilors, they
Whose idle amusements demand produce. Oh,
What bitter produce, fed on tempestuous anguish!
Too recently we've fed on the sweet produce of our own shores.

O, Waiters! Ye flitting doves who once carried the sweet
Ambrosia that gave sustenance to our heavenly ruminations,
Thrust us not forth into cold underground cellars.
Cast us out not with clanging platters that held such delights:
Occidental victuals that once sustained dynasts
So recently passed our eager lips.

Were they but dreams, these visions?
Or, were they my soul's reality cast in blood and marrow?
Oh, waiters. Tell me not what my heart mourns to hear,
That I must ride forth from your safe haven,
That my path lies amid the confused copses of history.
A thousand sighs cannot purchase one moment more.

Songs Of Innocence And Experience

Two Brothers Tavern has agreed to move its **Karaoke Kakaphony to this Monday evening** in order to accommodate so many of you Loafers who wish to share your warblings with the world. Groups will form up and carpool down Mountain following Professor Smith's Class Reading.

Chamillionaire Wants This Ride Share Thing To Work

Please take a look at the Get/Give A Ride board, ya'll, and consider making your car available to a Loafer in need. The riders outnumber the drivers by roughly nine to one. Can you help us get home?

Slip Slidin' Away

You know what to do with this thing by now, right?

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Events

Today:

Bread Loaf FC	5:30 pm
Poetry Reading	7:30 pm
BL Slideshow	9 pm
Karaoke	9 pm

Tuesday:

Classes End	
BL Slideshow	8:30 pm

Menu

Lunch (12:45): broccoli and tomato quiche OR quiche lorraine; spinach salad; pumpkin soup

Dinner (6:00): mushroom risotto OR chicken marsala; mashed potato; asparagus

Weather

Today: we earned this 74/50

Tuesday: dry warmth 82/54

Wednesday: still here? 84/55

*Fate ordains that dearest friends
must part.*

--Edward Young--

Have You Felt So Proud To Get At The Meaning Of Poems?

Uncle Walt won't be nearly so salty tonight if you just remember to address him as Bard of Democracy or Poetic Voice of America. *Little* ego on that guy. The students in Tracy Smith's Poetry Writing Class, on the other hand, overflow with subtle wit, generosity, and technical might. **They'll read from their summer work tonight at 7:30 pm in the Barn.** All Loafers are cordially invited to listen. Light refreshments will be served and, if you stick around after the final lines' dying echo falls, then you'll be in line for the

2012 BL Retrospective Photographic Celebration

Edward Brown's been busy. And not just pointing and shooting that fourteen foot telephoto lens, either, but busy learning the healing properties of Photoshop. So, come out tonight after the Poetry Reading and see what you'd look like with the *Cosmo* cover treatment. Edward will debut his BL Slideshow fifteen minutes after the poetry's done. If you're looking for Mountain Closure, a little jolt of summer nostalgia, or a painless way to drop ten elbees, then we'll see you in the Barn after 9 pm. Supposing you're still making last-minute changes to "Paper Cuts and Mold Spores: How 'Bout That Harmful Literature?" you can watch a replay of the show tomorrow evening.

The Rest Is Silence

Loafers far and wide—to say nothing of the interested locals—flocked to the Burgess Meredith Little Theater last week for *Hamlet*'s run. Contented audiences left each evening, remarking on the power and intelligence of the performances. So, Brian McEleney, Stephen Thorne, and all the members of the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble: *thank you*. Amy Stern, Travis Farrell, Karen Potter, Heath Hansum and the wizards in his Tech Crew: *thank you*. For Justin and the other impromptu electricians who kept the chandelier bright yesterday and the show running: *thank you*. To all those who worked the entire summer to bring Shakespeare to the Mountain: *thank you*.

Tables Turned

Oh, you're staying this week to fete our seniors and plan to attend Graduation? And you're looking for a fistful of dollars, a moveable feast, and the everlasting goodwill of a fellow BL student? You're the perfect candidate to wait tables at Saturday's Banquet. Congrats! Now, you need merely to contact Lindsay Coffta or Sarah Griesbach to

take your rightful place as the Once and Future Waiter. Thank you for pitching in to make Graduation great.

Sale-acious Talk

You won't find much sauciness in this notice, unless you think saving money's sexy. The Annex Bookstore will run a 20% markdown on all books, clothing, and gift items this week. Stop in Monday—Friday and stock up on BL-branded gear, your professors' latest books, or the detritus from that course you wish you'd taken. Veronica will keep the doors open M-W, 8:30-4:30; Th-F, 8:30-1:30, Sat, 12-6. Note: sale ends Friday, though you can shop until Saturday.

1980s Speaker Of The House

If you'd like to leave a tip for your Housekeeping Staff and another for the Waitstaff, you may do so at the Front Desk. The tipping itself (and the amount thereof) lies entirely within your discretion; it's simply a way to recognize the extra effort and attentiveness these two groups of workers have given us over summer's course.

The Island Of Lost Maps

Faculty, Seniors, and Staff: please check your mailbox this afternoon for directions to the departure point for Wednesday's Lake Champlain Cruise. Parking's a bit limited, so it's in everyone's best interest to carpool. And, hey, if you do have an extra seat or two, why not check the Ride Board and give a lift to someone who needs to leave from Burlington on Wednesday? Speaking of which...

"Don't Stop Believin'" And "Any Way You Want It" Originators

Kathrin, Annika, Nina, and Daniela are still desperately looking for transportation to Burlington International. These overseas flights can be a drag anyway, even without the stress of finding a ride from Ripton to B'town. Please take a look at the Give A Ride/Get A Ride Board as you leave lunch today. Help these—and other Loafers—get home. Seniors heading to B'town for the Cruise: why not pick up a Burlington-bound passenger?

Song Of Myself

Two Brothers Tavern will offer its Karaoke tonight (post-Poetry Reading and post-Slideshow) in order to accommodate the many would-be American Idols among us. Groups will carpool down Mountain 9-ish. Stop by the Barn parking lot then if you wanna hitch.

'S Wrong With My Rollin'?

Well, that first semifinal match ended in a bit of blowout, eh? The Thomas Hardy Boys—shirtless, sarong-wearing, heartily profane—have saved some of their best bocc'ing for the end. Sunday's match against Mac the Hatchet ended in acrimony, though the scoreline suggests only one team was ever going through. TTHB (testament to Pre-Modernism's primacy over Modernism) now await the victors of the Tournament's other semifinal. That match (scheduled for this afternoon) will pit the MacNair-Do-Wells against Gimpy McGinn and Geiger. Stay tuned, sportsfans, as the Final promises to please.

Mem-Orr-ial Race A Rousing Success

Thanks to the 40+ participants and the dozens strong Support Crew at the 27th Annual Charlie Orr 5K. The weather was well behaved, the bees decidedly less so, and the group vibe all positive. Know this, fair reader: Kelly Fullerton earned a place in the BL record books, becoming the first ever female Race Winner. Her 20:20 time carried her to the front of the pack and into the annals of history. Hats off, *mademoiselle*. Brian Burkhardt added to his string of Orr Top 5 Finishes with an overall 2nd. Hoisting the Top Fictional Runner Trophy was Charlie Thurston's Laertes. Less time on the track and more time practicing the rapier might've meant a different end to Act V, no? Like Uncle-Father Claudius says, "To all, our thanks."

Football Fanatics

From The Boy Who Cried Wolf File: BLFC's game against Middlebury High's Fighting Lady Tigers will go off as planned—players and spectators gather at Midd College's Turf Field at 5:30 pm tonight.

Status Update, 20th Century Style

Snip it or rip it.

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Today:

Classes End

BL Slideshow 8:30 pm

Wednesday:

Lunch 12 pm

Senior Cruise 2 pm

Otter Creek Event 6 pm

Th/Fri:

Whole Lotta Nothin'

Saturday:

Picnic 12:30 pm

Banquet 6 pm

Commencement 7:30 pm

Menu

Lunch (12:45): philly cheesesteak OR mushroom cheesesteak; cheeeese

Dinner (6:00): veggie divan OR turkey divan over egg noodles; broccoli rabe

Weather

Today: all good 82/55

Wednesday: still here? 85/59

Thursday: cool off 77/60

Best In Show

Edward Brown's 2012 Bread Loaf Slideshow begins **tonight at 8:30 pm in the Barn**. Come for the eaves and stay for the memories. He's been hard at work capturing your soul on film (insert Dorian Gray joke here, right?) and hopes the show helps you look back on the summer with fondness. This one's a labor of love for the Innkeeper, so please be sure to drop a couple *muchas gracias* his way. Harlan, you stop namin' nuts!

The Purse Seine

Anyone working Saturday's Banquet, please get caught in a BreadNet. That is, check your email by Wednesday afternoon for important information about your service. If you've any questions after reading your walking orders, direct them to Lindsay Coffta or Sara Griesbach.

You Really Mailed That Last One In

Remember the Front Desk can help send all your gear home. You provide boxes, tape, postage; they'll do the rest. **The last day to ship boxes is Friday**. Additionally, you can make plans to have your papers returned to you by post. Here's how: self-address an envelope (business size and larger are available in the Bookstore), buy the postage for the expected weight of a lil' package full of your academic goodness, then leave said envelope in the capable hands of a Front Desker. Note: if you wrote a final paper on Crazy Talk By William Blake, it'll take more than a single stamp to get that sucker back to you. Too much postage is better than too little. Urizen would know that.

Neither A (Permanent) Borrower Or A Lender Be

Keep your eyes open for glass- or flatware that may have inadvertently 'migrated' to your dorm room. The Dining Hall will welcome back these prodigal knives, bowls, and spoons with open arms, no questions asked. On the same topic, if many of the books you're packing have numbers on the spine, chances are good it's a library book that needs returning. Because the staff will be packing them up in short order, please drop those tomes off ASAP. Keys to rooms deserve the same treatment; be certain the Front Desk gets them back. Thanks.

Noonie's Best Sandwich

Calista Kelly has *one* BL t-shirt left in a hue that matches this headline.

MapQuest

Faculty, Seniors, and Staff: please check your mailboxes this afternoon (and the Front Desk) for directions to the departure point for tomorrow's Lake Champlain Cruise. Parking's a bit limited, so it's in everyone's best interest to carpool. And, hey, if you do have an extra seat or two, why not check the Ride Board and give a lift to someone who needs to leave from Burlington on Wednesday? **Lunch is moved to noon** so you can eat and then drive to B'town by the 2 pm embarkation.

Car Talk

I suppose this one's for you Vermont natives who'll still be kicking around this weekend. Nina Eifinger needs to get back up the Mountain the evening of 8/11. She'll be in Middlebury after 8 pm and would like to hire you to snag her there and bring her here. (Although the major BL event scheduled for the same time may put a slight cramp in that traveling schedule, Nina's hewing to her plan.) Because she's offering cash for this task, you may wish to BreadNet her stat.

Regale Me With Stories From Grad School

Gotta look the part first, Big Talker. **Seniors must pick up their regalia from the Bookstore** in the next three days. See the bookstore note below for times. Payment's due at pickup (that's \$49, no matter if it's cash or check) so make sure you bring your pocketbook/billfold/coffee can o' savings. Extra advice: hang up that robe now. Those creases really distract from the Image of Effortless Swag you're attempting to project.

I Know I'm Supposed To Be Doing Something

Last time you'll hear me harp on these important points, promise. First, **fill out the slip at the bottom of this page and drop it in the envelope taped near the Front Desk**. Then, submit your on-line re-enrollment for the 2013 session, e-mail program evaluations to Elaine Lathrop, turn in course evaluations to Elaine, e-mail an off-campus housing evaluation to Karen Browne, but **keep your ID cards**, since you'll need them to access grades. The end of summer forms have been emailed to your personal account; check it, please. Finally, know that **final checkout is Sunday, pre-lunch**. BL takes your feedback very seriously. Thanks for your candor on those evals.

Sale-ing Alone Around The Room

Annex Bookstore will run a **20% sale** on all books, clothing, and gift items this week. Stop in Monday—Friday and stock up on BL-branded gear, your professors' latest books, and magazines for the flight home. Billy and Veronica will keep the doors **open M-W, 8:30-4:30; Th-F, 8:30-1:30, Sat, 12-6**. Note: sale ends Friday, though you can shop until Saturday.

Eat Lunch At 12 Noon Tomorrow

In order to accommodate the Faculty, Seniors, and Staff who will attend tomorrow's Lake Champlain Cruise, **Wednesday's lunch will be served at 12 pm**.

Support Local Authors

Sponsored by the *New England Review*, with support from Carol's Hungry Mind Cafe, the Vermont Book Shop, and Middlebury Community TV, the **NER Vermont Reading Series** provides an opportunity for Vermont writers to read their work in front of an audience, and to acquaint local audiences with the talented writers who live and work among us (*NER* website). See BL's own Hugh Coyle, along with Meghan Mayhew-Berman, Lene Gary, and Tim Weed, read original work at **Carol's Hungry Mind Café in Midd at 7 pm this Thursday**. Check the site for more information, or you could grab a subscription to the *NER* online at the same time you learn about the authors: nereview.com/ner-vt-reading-series/

Tippecanoe And Bread Loaf Too

If you'd like to leave a tip for your Housekeeping Staff and another for the Waitstaff, you may do so at the Front Desk. The tipping itself (and the amount thereof) lies entirely within your discretion; it's simply a way to recognize the extra effort and attentiveness these two groups of workers have given us over summer's course.

When're You Going? Where Ya Been?

Safe Travels, Loafer. We'll see you next summer.

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Events

Today:

12:30 pm	<i>Picnic Lunch</i>	West Lawn
6 pm	<i>Banquet</i>	Dining Hall
7:30 pm	<i>Commencement</i>	Little Theater
9-ish	<i>Reception</i>	Barn
Sunday:		
7:30 am	<i>Breakfast</i> Please buy a ticket	
11 am	<i>Final Checkout</i>	Front Desk

Menu

Picnic: burgers; bbq ribs; baked beans; tater salad; black bean burgers; hot diggity; just desserts

Banquet: local green salad w/maple balsamic vinaigrette; carved NY strip summer salad; wild mushroom ravioli with beurre blanc; roasted asparagus; chocolate mousse

Weather

Today: t'storms 76/51
Travelin': few clouds 79/61

I Can No Other Answer Make But Thanks And Thanks

A doff of the cap to you, Senior Leaders—in name as well as action—for the generosity and elan you've shown over the summer. *Los Presidentes* Behan and Hastings, Mayor Munro, Film Editor Bickers, and the crew: we appreciate your work. Senior Wranglers Victoria and Edward Brown merit more words of gratitude. I'll leave you to thank them individually for years of warmth, support, and humor.

Through Tattered Clothes Great Vices Appear; Robes Hide All

Alright, you've got the regalia in hand and it's time to do this thing. Culled from years of program evaluations, here's the scoop on looking your gradu-finest on the big night. I assume you can handle the labyrinthine complexities of the new-fangled device they're calling a 'zipper.' But what, you ask, do I wear underneath that rayon luxuriance? Some say three-piece suit, others birthday suit. Depends on your subsequent plans, I guess. Next, be certain you've 86'd the ol' mortarboard. The Class of 2012 is getting all Jack Kennedy at his Inauguration (bonus fact: local Ripton boy delivered a well-received poem at the same event.) Honestly, just be sure you're comfortable tonight. Easy for me to say. I haven't got six family members asking me to 'look graduated' for the barrage of camera flashes. Here's a crucial point: **Remember to hang onto the regalia in the rush after Commencement because you need to turn it in to the DA's at the reception this evening.** Calista, Matt, and Mike will be handing out bubbly and retrieving your gowns. **Faculty regalia stays in Treman.**

Throwing Rocks Tonight, Dude

Fear the Sarong. Purple nails, Stanley Kowalski undershirts, and dead-eye flow were the features of the **2012 International Bread Loaf Bocce Tournament** champions: the Thomas Hardy Boys. Rich Braithwaite and Noam Osband rolled two of the finer games seen in an IBLBT final, besting Will Geiger and Gimpy McGinn in yesterday's title tilt. Both teams played inspired bocce, with defensive saves, clutch *volo* shots, and the softest of soft touches the rule of the match. After earning his IBLBT MVP trophy earlier in the day, Rich waited until the moment of greatest drama and then delivered a three-point winner with a last roll of the game. Ever the sportsmen, all players (and their gallery of interested spectators) retired to Annex Porch for conviviality and laughing recaps of the day's events.

Missing Me One Place Search Another; I Stop, Waiting For You

Congratulations, Seniors. Mr. Emory's poem notwithstanding, the Mountain will always be home. Until you return again, godspeed.

Life After Bread Loaf

I've overstayed my welcome.
First they dismantle the set:
that imagined landscape
that took shape
week by week,

a nowhere becoming a somewhere,

now unscrewed,
pried up,
torn down,
stripped out,
carted off
to a little pile of lumber and fabric
behind the Barn.

Then the reserve books:
anthologies, analyses
stacked,
boxed,
trucked down to town.
The regular books too.

White
shelves
now
empty
of
ideas.

I didn't expect the Barn to go,
but
down
it
comes,
beam
by
beam,
all numbered and stacked.

The Inn too,
starting with the bell,
Adirondack chairs,
tennis nets,
the flag pole,
the stone wall.

All gone. Even the bugs.

And here I stand
in the middle of nowhere
that was once somewhere.

But wait a minute.
That's my car.

You'll have to move it, they say.
We're rolling up the meadow.

In my rear view mirror,
they start unscrewing the trees.

--David Emory--